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JUN
MAYUZUKI



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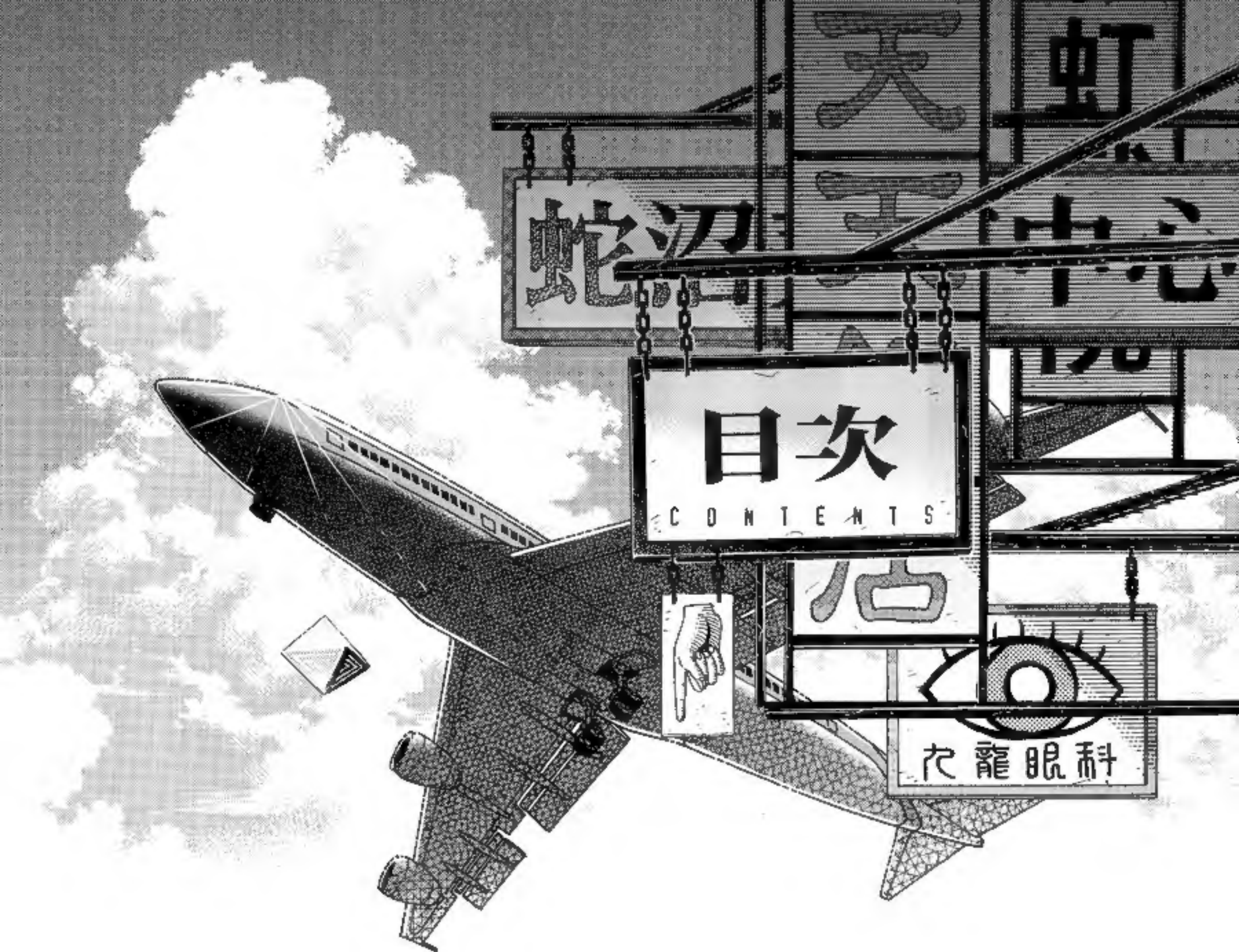
HEBINUMA BEAUTY CENTER

蛇沼美容中心

RED-LIGHT
DISTRICT

AREA 6



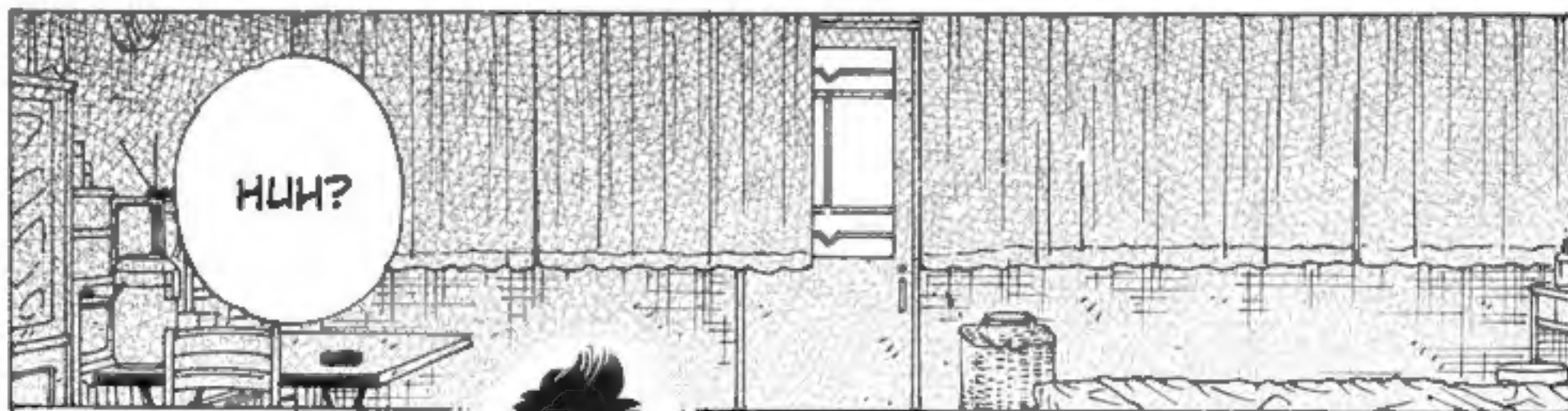


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KOWLOON
Generic Romance



CHAPTER 45





I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU
LOSE AT
MAHJONG.

NAH, YOU
JUST HAVE
A **LUCKY**
DRAW.

THERE ARE A
LOT OF SWEET
ONES IN THIS
YEAR'S CROP.

YOU'RE
EATIN'
WATER-
MELON
AGAIN?

FU
FU
FU.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH



CRUNCH
= / +
L



TODAY'S
FRONT PAGE
HEADLINE
SAYS
THEY'RE
DEMOLISHING
KOWLOON!!



OH
YEAH!

THAT'S
GOOD.

SO?
WHAT HAS
YOU ALL
WORKED
UP?

KNRCH
KNRCH

"ALL
RESIDENTS
WILL BE
FORCIBLY
EVICTED."

"THE
GOVERNMENT
HAS ENTRUSTED
THE PROJECT TO
THE HEBINUMA
GROUP, AND
DEMOLITION
WILL BEGIN
THIS FALL."



WELL, THAT
PROJECT
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN AROUND.
SOONER
OR LATER,
KOWLOON WAS
DESTINED TO
DISAPPEAR.

HMM...

CAN
YOU
BELIEVE
THIS!?

OH,
ALSO, I
BROUGHT
YOU THIS.







GWEN, WOULD YOU EVER READ THE FIRST PART OF A NOVEL BUT NOT THE SECOND?



THE PERSON SITTIN' RIGHT ACROSS FROM ME WOULD.

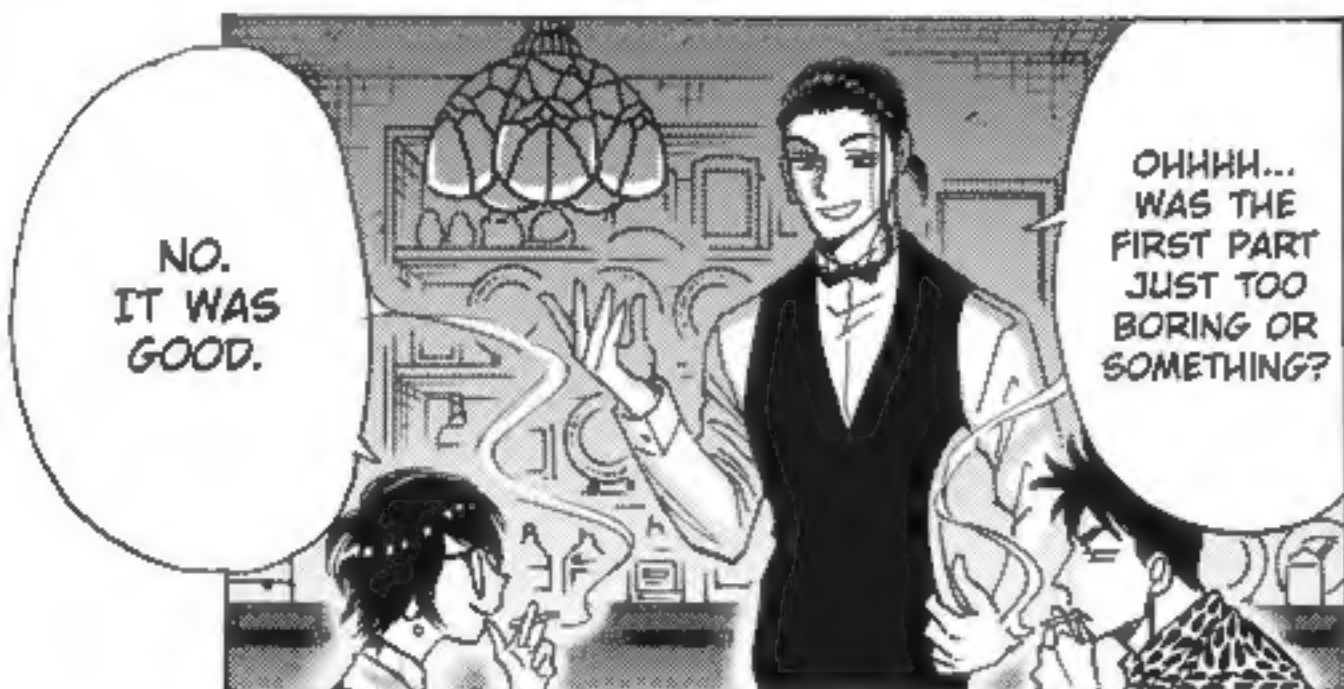
HMMM... I DON'T THINK SO. WOULD ANYONE?



DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? SOMETHING MORE THAN HAPPENED! YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

FU FU FU.



NO. IT WAS GOOD.

OHhhh... WAS THE FIRST PART JUST TOO BORING OR SOMETHING?



YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THIN', HUH...



THAT'S WHY I WON'T FINISH IT.



ARE YOU SERIOUS?

MM FU FU. ♥

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, RIGHT?



IF I DID, I
WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO PLAY
MAHJONG!
DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW
MUCH DOUGH
THOSE OLD
GEEZERS HAVE
FLEEDED ME
FOR?

EVEN
WHEN I
LOSE, I
DON'T
REGRET
IT.

HOW CAN
YOU SAY THAT,
WITH THAT
INCREDIBLE
LUCK YOU'VE
GOT?

I JUST
DON'T
GET IT.

...THE
WAY LIFE
IS, AIN'T
IT?

BUT
THAT'S...

DON'T
CALL ME
"KIDDO."

I LIKE
THAT
ABOUT
YOU,
KIDDO.

AWW.
BUT IT'S
CUTE.

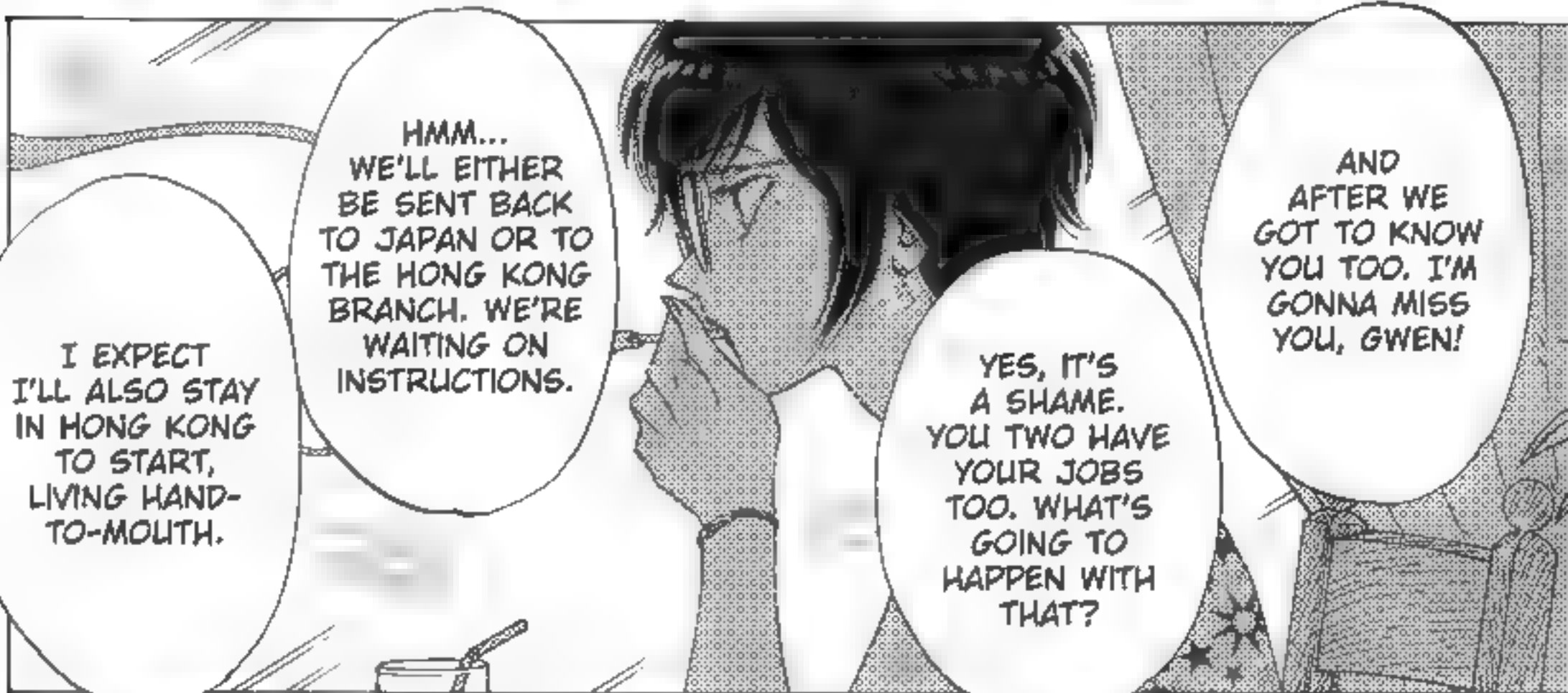
GOOD QUESTION...
WELL, I'M A
DRIFTER TO
BEGIN WITH, SO
I'D PLANNED ON
LEAVING KOWLOON
EVENTUALLY
ANYWAY...

WHERE ARE
YOU GONNA
GO WHEN
KOWLOON'S
GONE, GWEN?

THAT'S
THE MORE
IMPORTANT
ISSUE AT
HAND.

OH YEAH,
ONE MORE
THING! DIDJA
SEE TODAY'S
PAPER?
ABOUT THE
DEMOLITION
!?

YES,
I SAW
IT.



I EXPECT
I'LL ALSO STAY
IN HONG KONG
TO START,
LIVING HAND-
TO-MOUTH.

HMM...
WE'LL EITHER
BE SENT BACK
TO JAPAN OR TO
THE HONG KONG
BRANCH. WE'RE
WAITING ON
INSTRUCTIONS.

YES, IT'S
A SHAME.
YOU TWO HAVE
YOUR JOBS
TOO. WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN WITH
THAT?

AND
AFTER WE
GOT TO KNOW
YOU TOO. I'M
GONNA MISS
YOU, GWEN!



THEY
KINDA LEFT
US IN THE
LURCH,
DECIDING
THIS SO
SUDDENLY,
AM I
RIGHT!?

HA
HA
HA!



GLANCE
777



WE
CAN SEE
EACH
OTHER
AGAIN,
THEN.



YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT!

XIAOHEI,
HMM?

YUP.

XIAOHEI
WAS?



OH, NOTHING.
OFF WITH YOU,
THEN. YOU
SHOULDN'T
KEEP XIAOHEI
WAITING.

WHAT
ABOUT
IT!?

Y-
YEAH.



SHE WAS
LOOKIN' FOR
A PROPERTY
IN KOWLOON.
GUESS THAT'S
OFF THE
TABLE NOW,
THOUGH.

XIAO-
HEI?

CRAP, I
GOTTA GO!
I'VE GOT AN
APPOINTMENT
WITH
XIAOHEI.



OH NO.
HE LEFT
THE
BOOK.



I TOLD
HIM I
WON'T
READ IT.



I
WON'T.

YOU
REALLY
WON'T
READ IT?

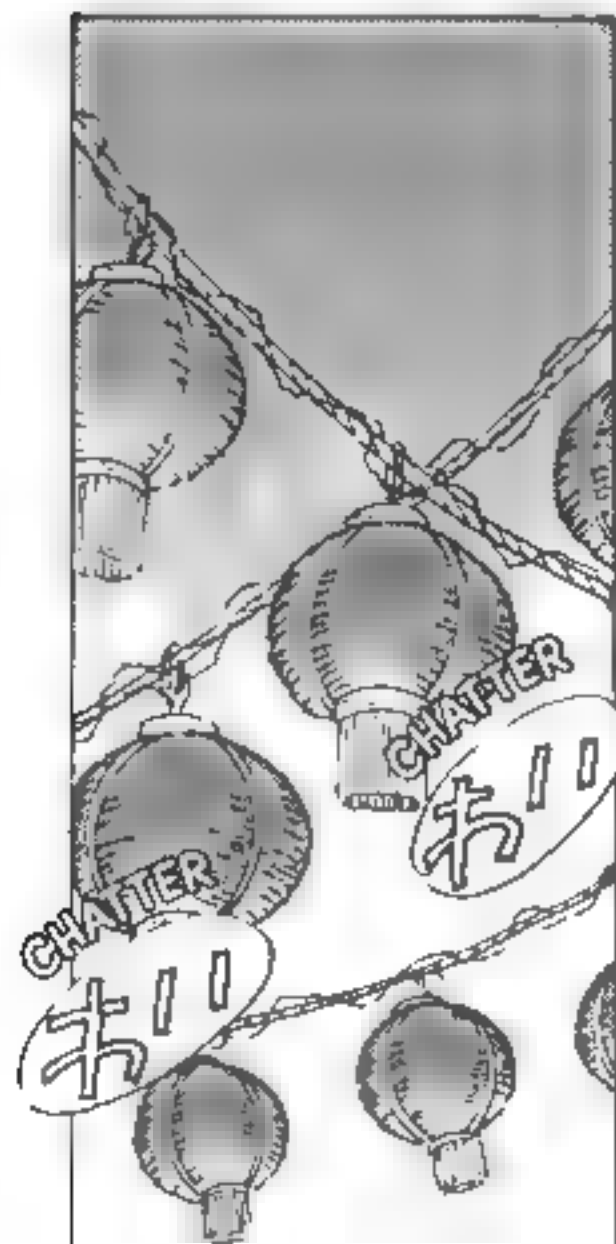


GWEN,
LET'S GO
DRINKING
TONIGHT!

I'LL
COME
BACK
LATER!

...DOESN'T
HAVE AN
ENDING OR
A CONTINU-
ATION.

BECAUSE
MY
STORY...





DON'T
TELL A
SOUL.

WA
HA
HA!

...YEAH.

YOU'RE
GOING TO
PROPOSE?

WHAT?



MENU: SEAFOOD, MEAT, EGGPLANTS WITH PORK, SCALLOPS, TOMATO STIR-FRY



I
SEE...

...BUT WITH
KOWLOON
GOING
AWAY, IT'S
LIKE A LIFE
MILESTONE,
Y'KNOW?

I'D
PLANNED
ON WAITIN'
A LITTLE
LONGER...



REALLY?

THEN
YOU
SHOULD
GO FOR
IT.



HWOOOOOO...



MR. KUDOU,
ARE YOU
SURE YOU
REALLY KNOW
MS. REIKO?

YEAH?

HEY.

HUH?

...KNOW
HER...?

DO I
REALLY...

.....

SNIFF...

SORRY. I
DON'T MEAN
TO BE A
KILLJOY...

WAAAAH!
TIME OUT,
TIME OUT!

I MEAN...I'D
LIKE TO THINK
I KNOW HER
PRETTY WELL...
BUT YEAH, YOU'RE
RIGHT...MAYBE IT'S
TOO SOON...TO
PROPOSE...

BUT...

DON'T GET
ME WRONG.
I DO THINK
I'M MOVING
FAST.

カッ
SLUMP




**SHE SAYS SHE
WON'T AIM ANY
HIGHER THAN
THIS, SO I
WANNA GIVE HER
THE GIFT OF AN
EVEN BETTER
KOWLOON.**



**...SHE
LOVES
KOWLOON,
AND THIS
SUMMER IS
ALL IT HAS
LEFT.**

南安公司

SIGNS: BEEF BALLS. NOODLES. HOT POT / NAAM ON COMPANY / CONGEE / ALCOHOL



**THAT'S WHY I
DESPERATELY
WANNA
PROPOSE NOW...
IS THAT
CONCEITED OF
ME?**



HEW

IT ISN'T
MY
PLACE TO
BUTT IN.
SORRY.

ONLY YOU
TWO KNOW
WHAT'S
BEST FOR
YOU.

I THINK
THAT'S
GREAT.

G
W
E
E
E
N
!

I'LL
HELP YOU
WITH A
SURPRISE,
OR
ANYTHING
ELSE YOU
NEED!

SIGNS: WA CUN HIN—MEAT SEAFOOD / STIR-FRIED NOODLES. BEEF NOODLES / CHICKEN, RED-BEAN PANCAKES

HA-HA-HA!
I'D
APPRECIATE
THAT, THANK
YOU.

YOU
SERIOUSLY
ARE A GOOD
GUY!!

IF YOU EVER
FALL FOR
SOMEBODY,
I'LL BE YOUR
WINGMAN
TOO!!

肉炒麵
CHATTER
わ!!

CHATTER
わ!!

CHATTER
わ!!



YESSSS?

YAMAY, SWEETIE!

SIGN: CONVENIENCE STORE



ALSO, CACTUS TRANSPORT IS COMING BY TO COLLECT SOME MERCHANDISE. YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT TOO?

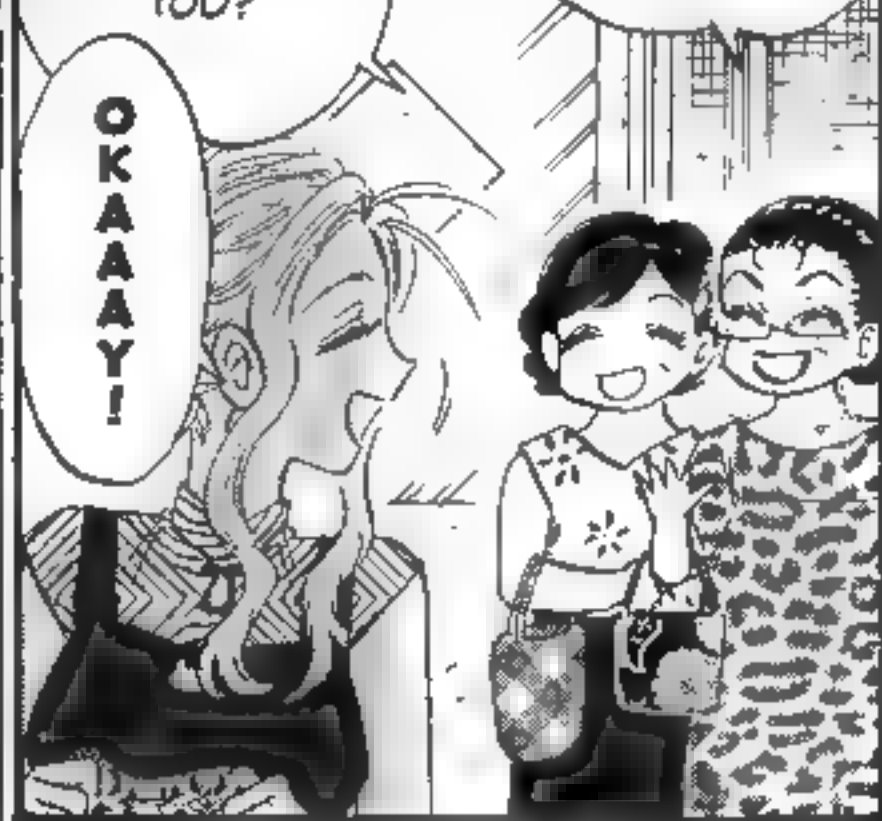
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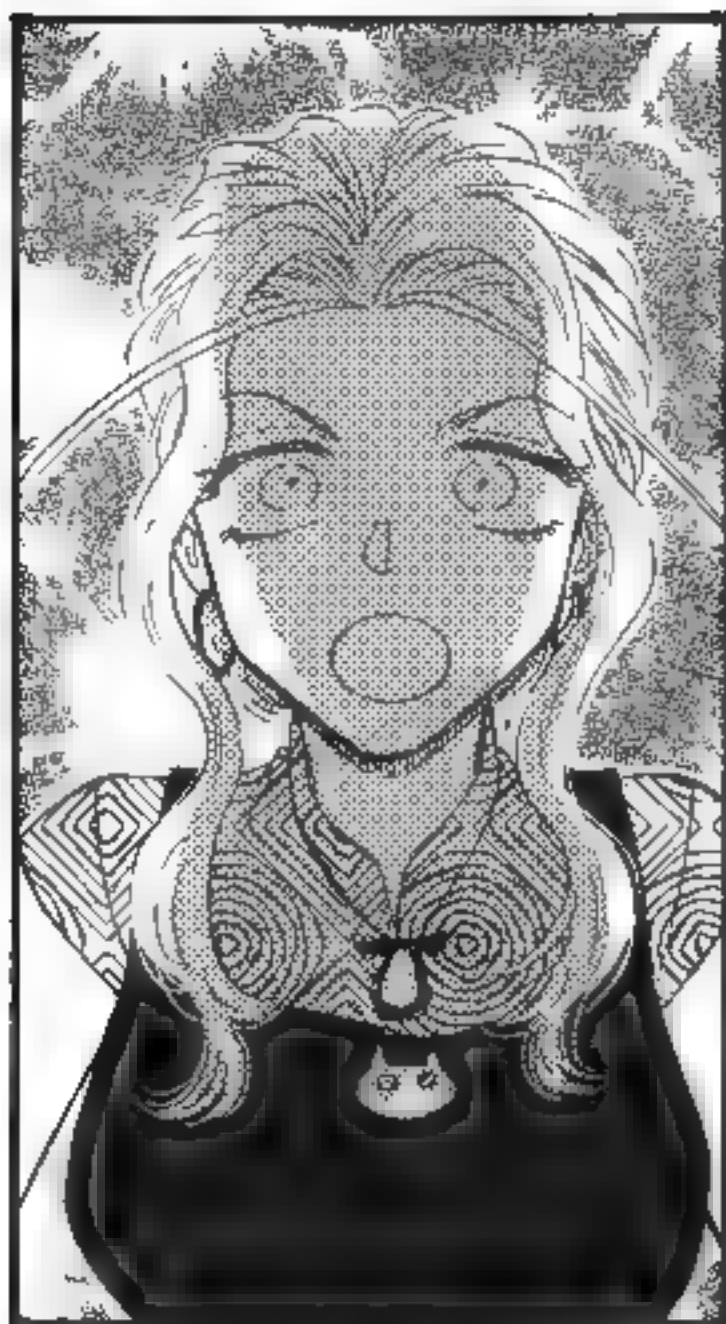
WE'RE STEPPING OUT FOR LUNCH. MIND THE SHOP FOR US?

OKAAAY!

HELLOOO! JUST WHO I WAS WAITING FOOR!

CACTUS TRANSPORT, HERE TO PICK UP A PACKAAAGE!





I'M
YAOMAY.
IT'S SO
NICE TO
MEET—

MR.
GWEN!

OH, LOOOVE
BEAUTIFUL
THINGS

HM?

I GOT
OVER-
WHELMED
BY HER
ENERGY
AND GAVE
MY REAL
NAME...!

CRAP

...SHOOT!

...AND HIS
NAME IS
GWEN! MR.
KUDOU
SAID SO.

HE WAS
TALL WITH
LONG
HAIR...

ざわ...
SHIVER

TALL
WITH
LONG
HAIR...

...AND
HIS
NAME IS
GWEN...

ざわ...
SHIVER

...AND
A TOTAL
HUNK...
(NOT
WHAT
SHE
SAID)



SIGN GOOD LUCK



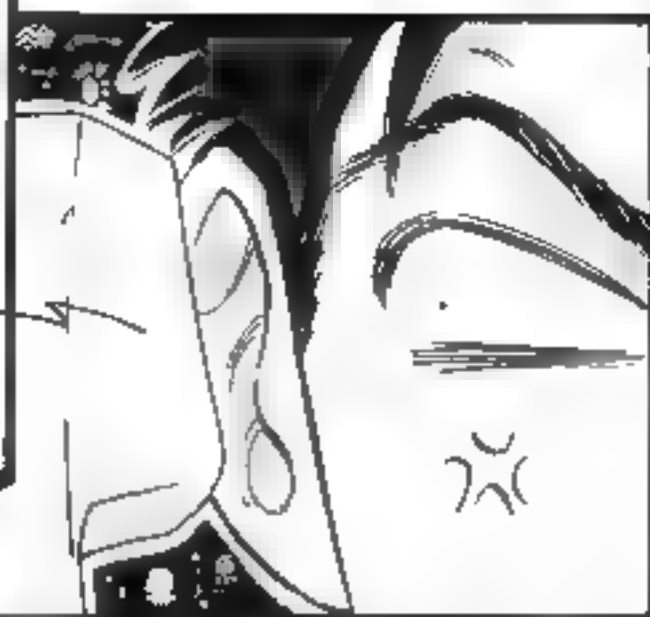


Good Luck

In Chinese culture, the "good luck" symbol is commonly seen during Chinese New Year and at the entrances of homes year-round. In the latter case, it is often hung upside down (as seen above) because the character for "upside down" is a homonym of the character for "to arrive." Thus, placing it on your front door is inviting luck into your home.

HOWLON
Generic Romance

I don't know what to tell ya. I'm a busy guy too, y'know. So what if only an elevator or two ain't workin'? Don't go caterwaulin' at me over it.



THE ELEVATOR'S BEEN OUT FOR TWO DAMN DAYS NOW!!

LIKE!! SAID!!



IT'S "ONLY" TWO ELEVATORS, SO KEEP 'EM IN SERVICE, DAMN YOUUU!!!



"AN ELEVATOR OR TWO"!? KOWLOON ONLY HAS TWO ELEVATORS !!



HURRY UP AND FIX IT!

WELL, THAT'S KOWLOON FOR YOU.

THE COMPANY'S ADDRESS ISN'T PUBLIC EITHER. THEY'RE KINDA SHADY. THAT GUY HAD AN ACCENT TOO.

NOPE. THAT ELEVATOR HAS A REMOTE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM.

ARE THEY A BUILDING CONTRACTOR?

HUH! SO IT'S AN I.T. COMPANY?

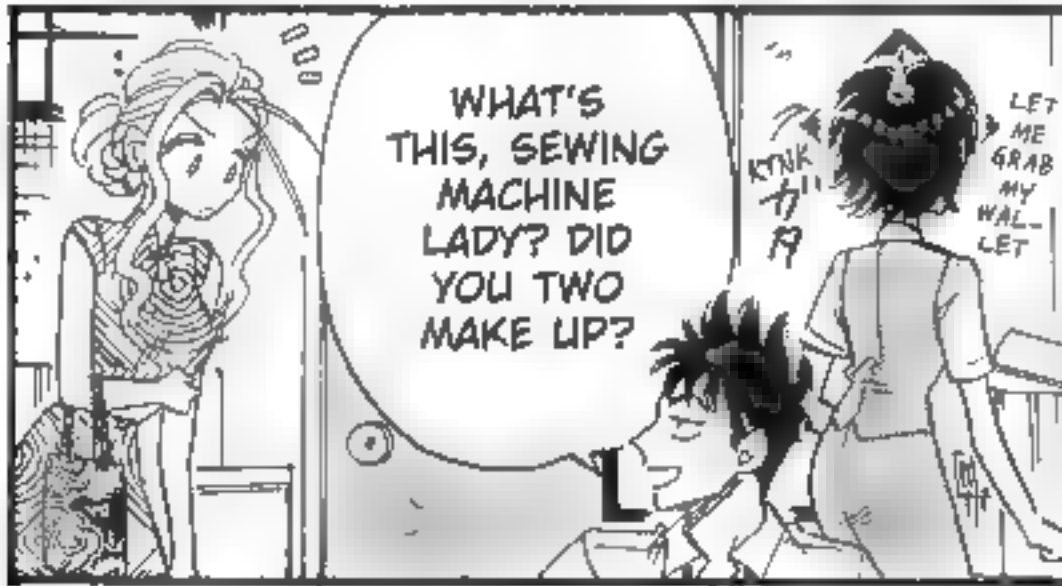
ANYTHING LESS ANGRY THAN THAT, AND THIS MANAGEMENT COMPANY WON'T LIFT A FINGER!

COME ON, MR. KUDOU. CAN'T YOU PUT IN REQUESTS MORE POLITELY?





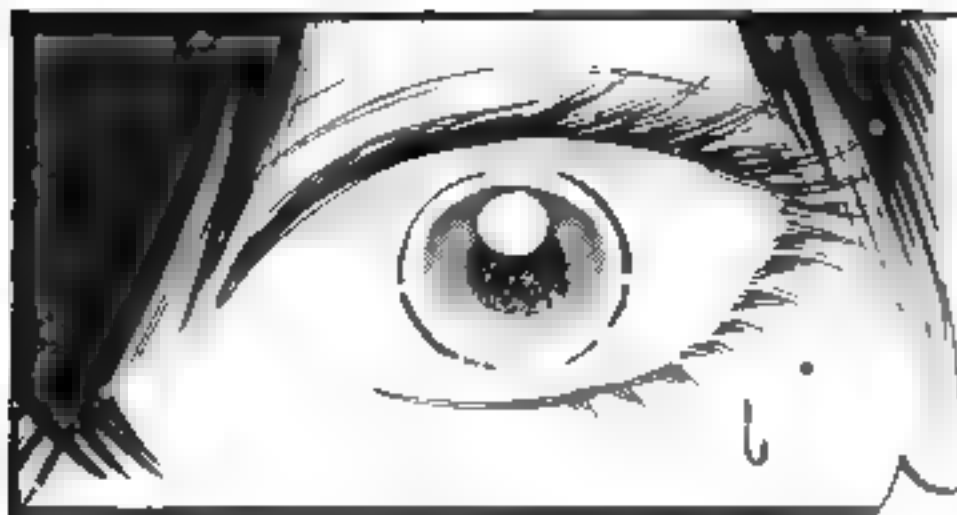
**REKO-PON!
LET'S GO TO
LUNCH!!**





CHAPTER 46

Touring Flower Hong Kong-Style Café
游華茶餐廳



BINGOOO!
HE'S WAY
MORE
CHILL THAN
YOU SAID,
REKO-
PON.
♡

YEAH!

IT'S
REALLY
HIM!?

THE
WAITER
!!



SIGN: GOOD LUCK



HUH...? 6

...
REIKO
KUJI-
RAI,
COR-
RECT?

YOU
KNOW...

SO, YOU'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR ME?

...I KNOW
HER.

DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?

THERE
ARE TWO
OF YOU
TOO,
RIGHT?

DOES THAT
MEAN I'M A
CLONE...?

THEN
THERE
REALLY
ARE
TWO OF
ME.

THE
ONE WHO
ISN'T
YOU,
THAT IS.




...THE
SECOND
ME ISN'T
AROUND
ANYMORE.

...
ALSO
...

THEN
WHAT
IN THE
WORLD—

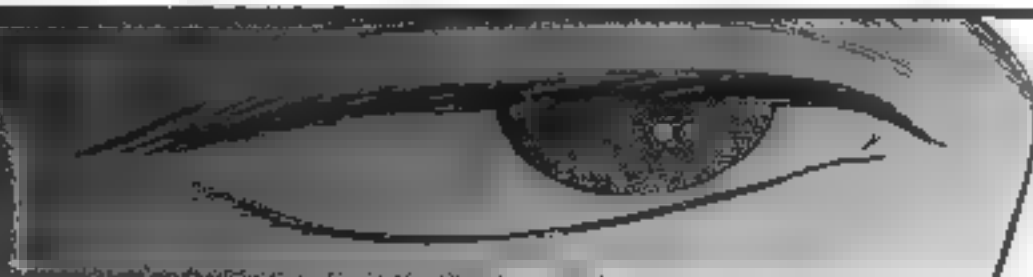
BUT
YOU'RE NOT
A CLONE.

...THAT
SEEMS
TO BE
THE CASE,
YEAH.



HOW CAN
YOU KNOW
THAT?

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU ARE
EITHER.



I'M
THE REAL
THING.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

THE
REIKO
KUJIRAI I
KNOW IS
THE REAL
ONE TOO.



'COS
THE
SECOND
ME WAS
FAKE.



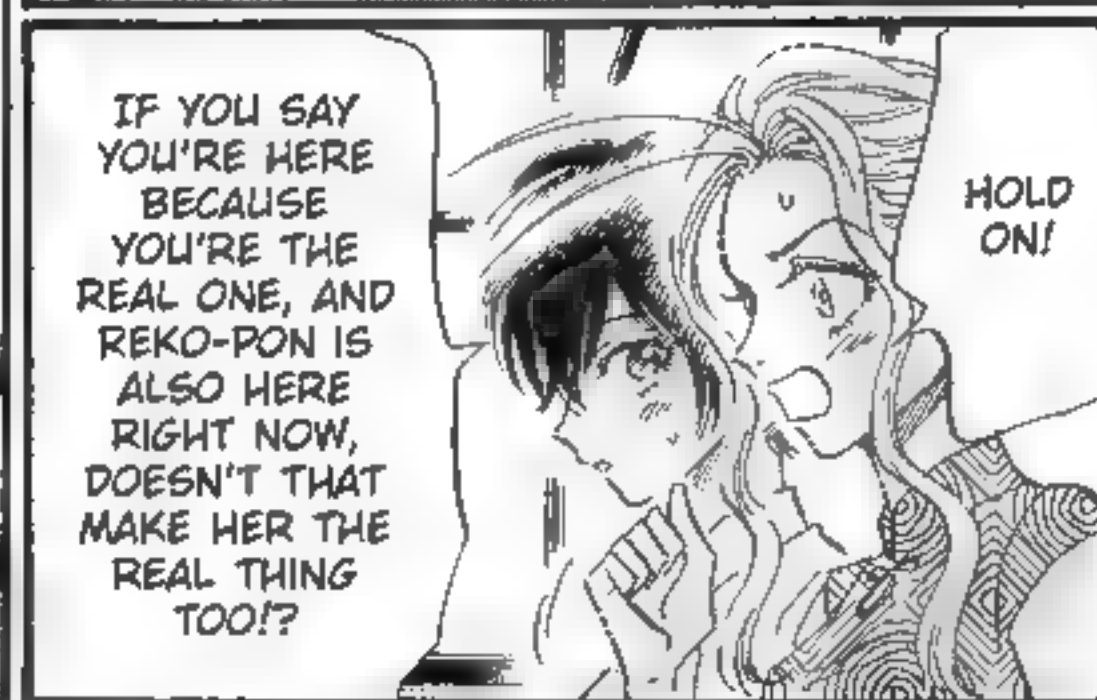
...BE-
CAUSE
...

...IT'S
DIFFERENT
IN YOUR
CASE...



I'M...

I...



IF YOU SAY
YOU'RE HERE
BECAUSE
YOU'RE THE
REAL ONE, AND
REKO-PON IS
ALSO HERE
RIGHT NOW,
DOESN'T THAT
MAKE HER THE
REAL THING
TOO!?

HOLD
ON!



DID I PUT
IT THAT
BLUNTLY?



MR. KUDOU
TOLD ME.



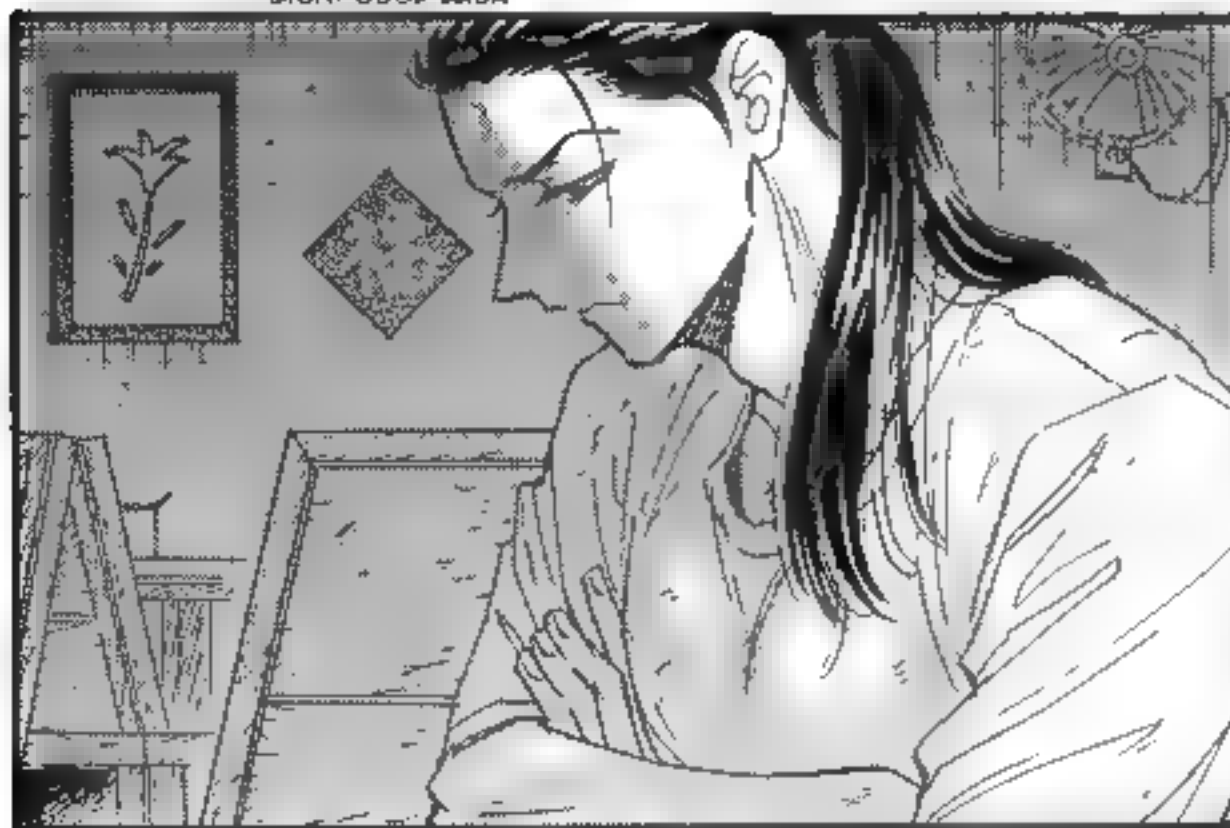
MR.
KUDOU
...

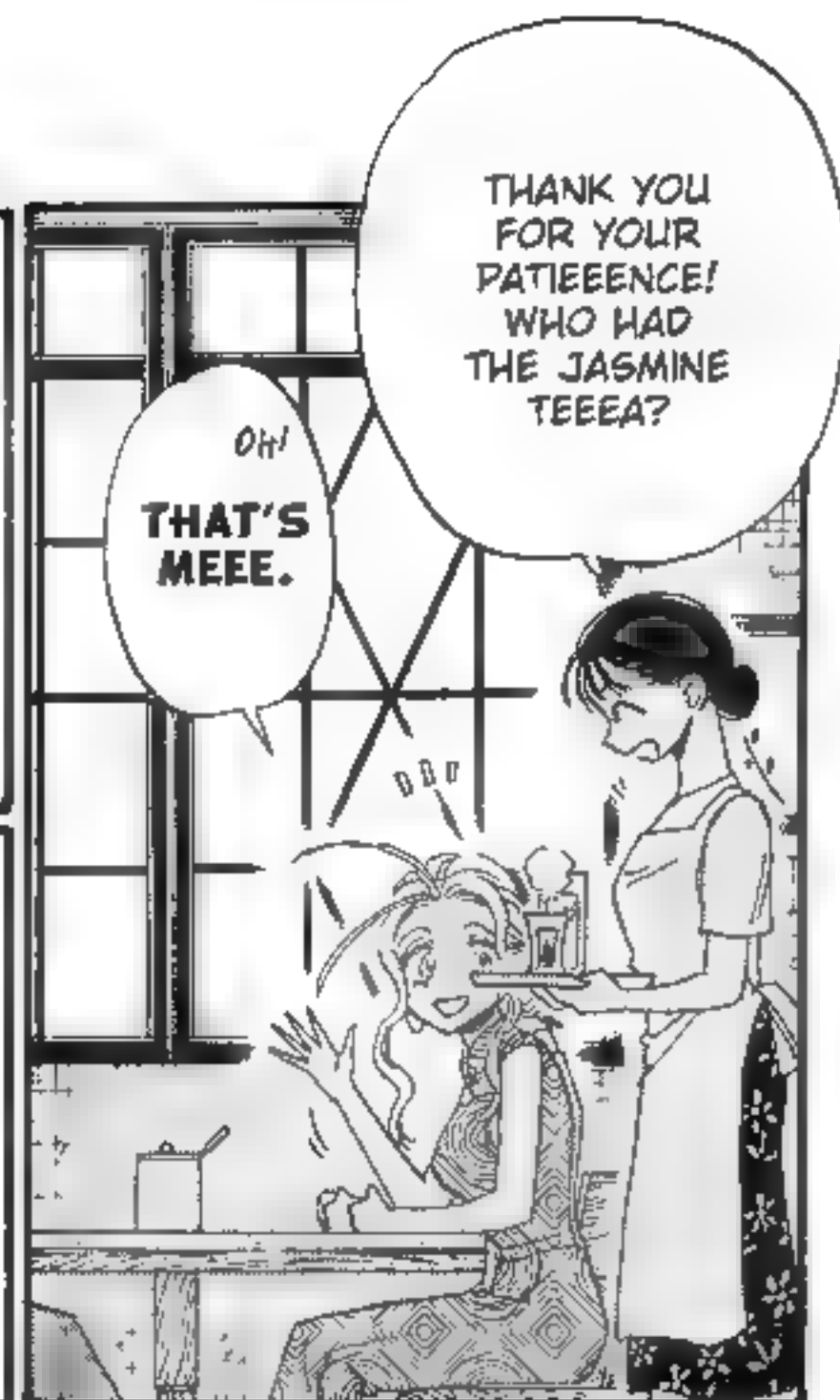


BECAUSE
SHE
PASSED
AWAY?



SIGN. GOOD LUCK



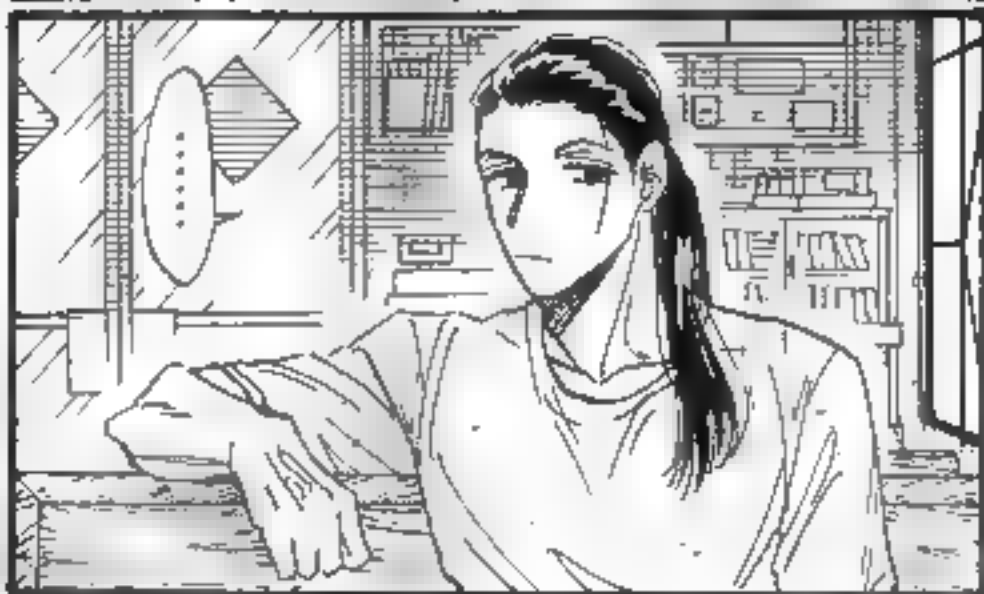


HUH!?

ARE YOU
DATING MR.
KUDOU?

HOW DID
SHE DIE...?

TH-THEN...
I'LL JUST
COME OUT
AND ASK IT.



THOSE
TWO ARE
MOST LIKELY
AN ITEM.

ACCORDING
TO MIYUKI...

OH
REALLY
...

...THEY'RE
MORE
THAN THAT,
THOUGH...



WE'RE
COL-
LEAGUES,
NOTHING
MORE!!

I-I AM
NOT!



BUT
YOU'RE
IN LOVE
WITH
HIM?



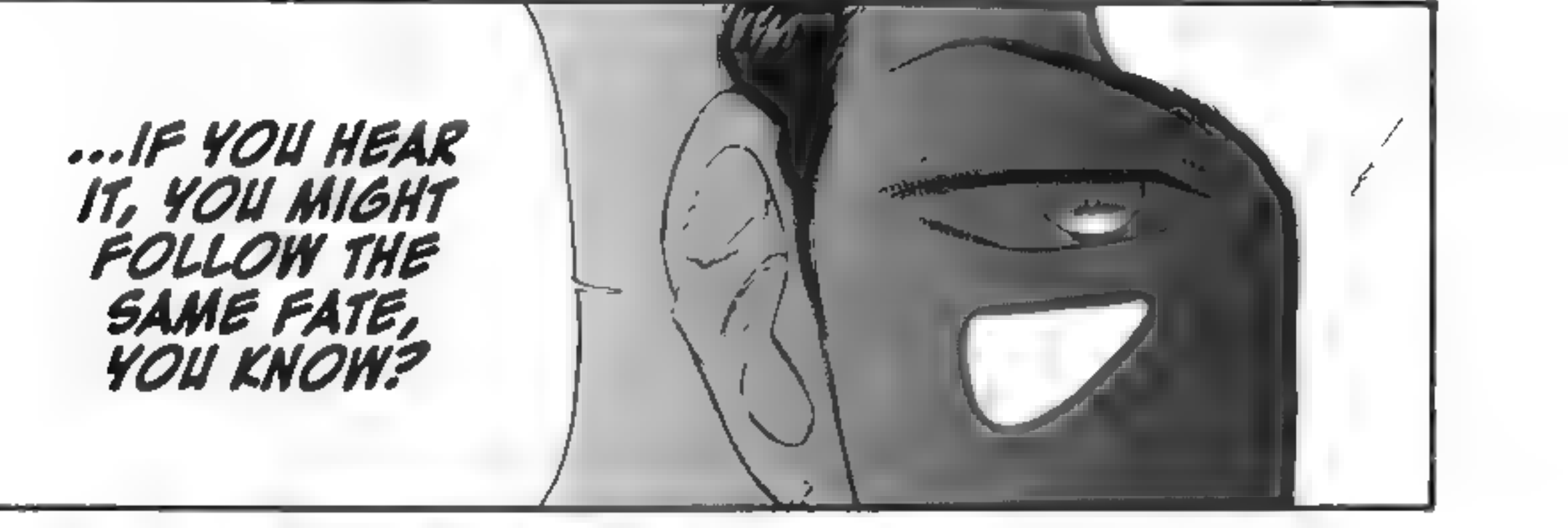


NOT TO
MENTION...

WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT
HOW THE
PERSON YOU'RE
BASED ON
DIED. I DOUBT
KNOWING IS
GONNA FEEL
GOOD.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANNA
KNOW THE
CAUSE
OF REIKO
KUJIRAI'S
DEATH?

**...IF YOU HEAR
IT, YOU MIGHT
FOLLOW THE
SAME FATE,
YOU KNOW?**



**YOUR
LOVE FOR
MR. KUDOH IS
ALREADY THE
SAME, AFTER
ALL.**



**MY
LOVE
FOR
HIM
IS MY
OWN!!**



**WE'RE
OUR
ABSOLUTE
SELVES!**

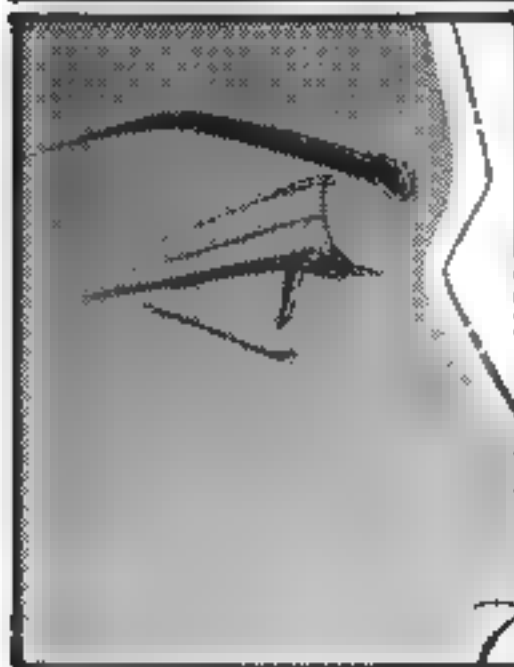
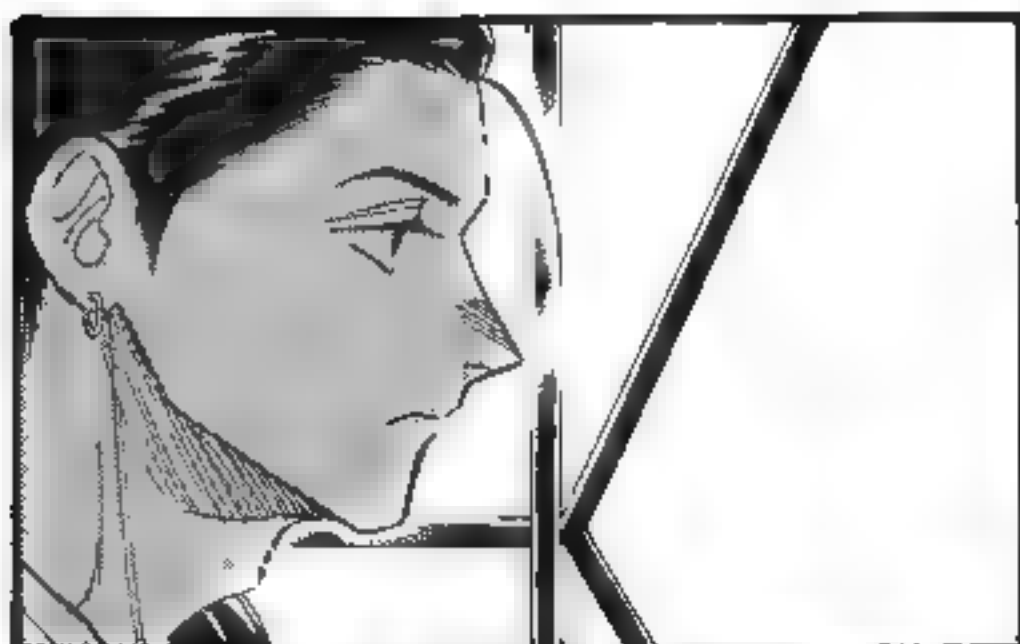
**YEAH,
EX-
ACTLY!**



**YOUR
ABSOLUTE
SELVES...?**



**IT IS
NOT AN
IMITATION
OF
SOMEONE
ELSE'S...!**



YEAH!

IT MEANS
TRUSTING IN
OURSELVES AT
ALL TIMES, SO WE
CAN HOLD OUR
HEADS HIGH AND
SAY, "I AM MY
OWN PERSON"!
RIGHT?



YOU
LOOK
LIKE
YOUR
OWN
SELF.

HUH?

...YOU RESEMBLE
MS. REIKO LESS
THAN THE LAST
TIME WE MET.





CAN WE
MEET UP
AGAIN?

I HAVE
MORE
QUESTIONS
FOR YOU...

...SURE,
I DON'T
MIND.



HE WANTS
ME BACK AT
THE OFFICE.
MY BREAK
TIMES
ALREADY
OVER.

OH.
IT'S
MR.
KU-
DOU.



DON'T TELL
MR. KUDOU
ABOUT OUR
MEETING
TODAY,
THOUGH.



I
WON'T.

I'M GLAD
I GOT TO
SEE YOU.





KUJIRAI
B?



MAYBE YOU
CAN'T HELP IT
SINCE YOU WERE
FRIENDS WITH
KUJIRAI B, BUT
STILL...



...HEY, GWEN,
DO YOU DISLIKE
REKO-PON?



AH! ERM, I CAN EXPLAIN! KUJIRAI B IS
PROBABLY "A" TO YOU, BUT TO REKO-PON AND
ME, REKO-PON IS "A," AND "B" CAN'T BECOME
"A," SO WE'VE BEEN CALLING HER THAT TO
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THEM AND...SORRY!!!



BUT
YOU
KNOW
WHAT?

IT'S LIKE WHAT
YOU TOLD REKO-
PON A MOMENT
AGO, THAT SHE
LOOKS LIKE HER
OWN SELF. REKO-
PON ISN'T AN "A"
OR A "B"...



...A
CERTAIN
SOMEONE
ONCE TOLD
ME...

...SHE'S
JUST
REKO-
PON!

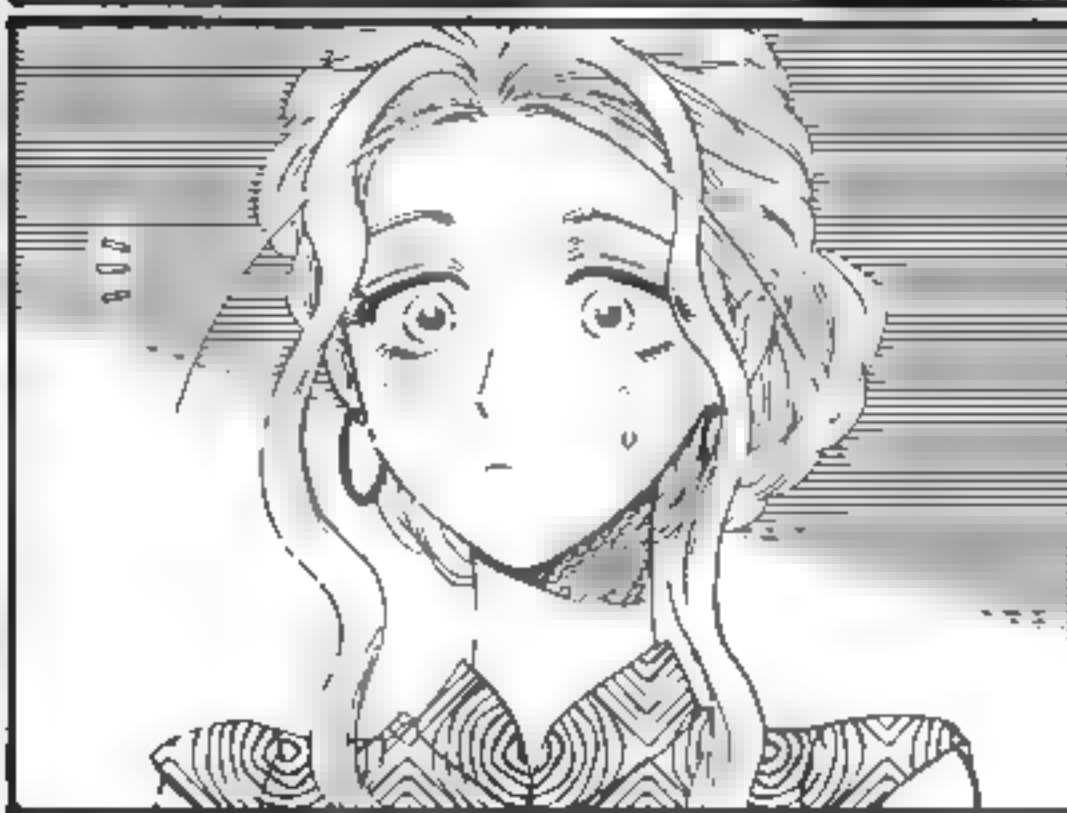
**...THAT
PERSON'S
INDIVIDUAL
CIRCUM-
STANCES SHAPE
THEIR FACIAL
EXPRESSIONS,
SO NO TWO
PEOPLE LOOK
EXACTLY
ALIKE.**

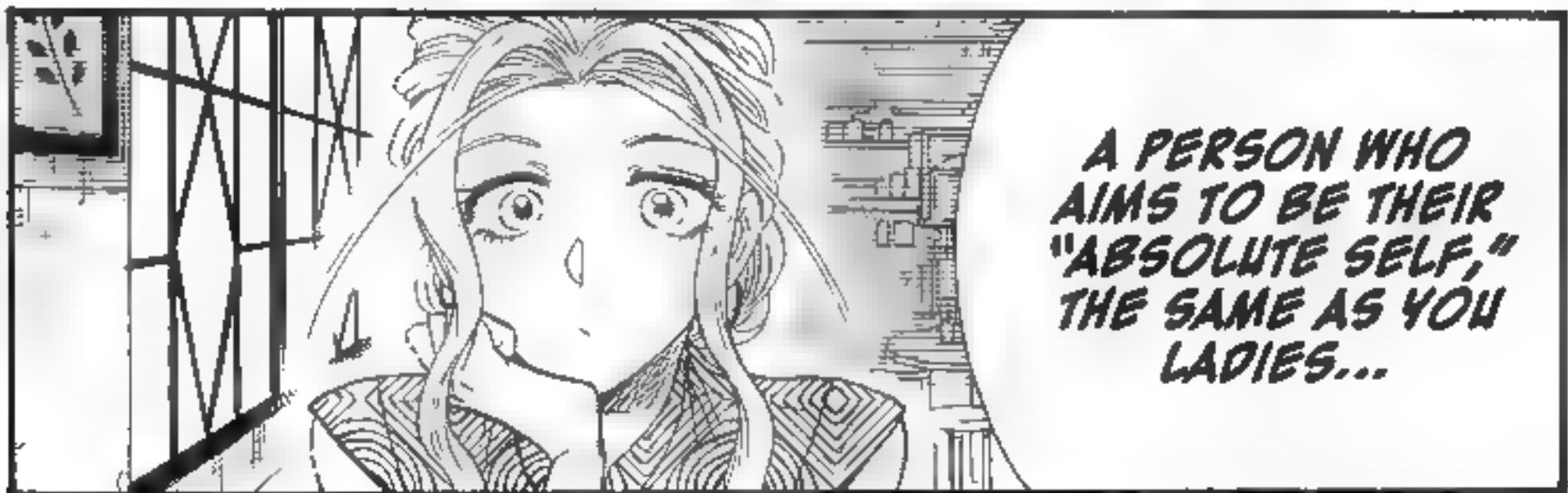
**EVEN IF
SOMEONE
HAS THE
SAME
FACE AS
YOU...**



**SHE IS
WHAT
SHE IS
NOW...**

**...BECAUSE
SHE HAS A
KIND FRIEND
LIKE YOU AT
HER SIDE.**





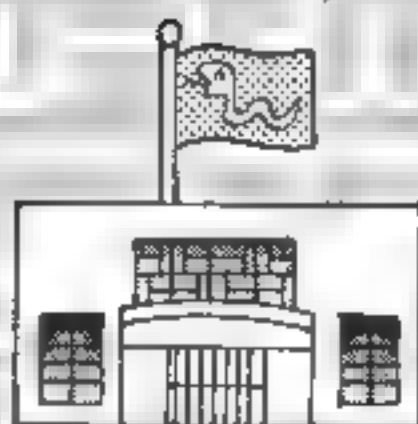
"YOU LOOK
LIKE YOUR
OWN SELF."

TAK
H
OO



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HOWLON
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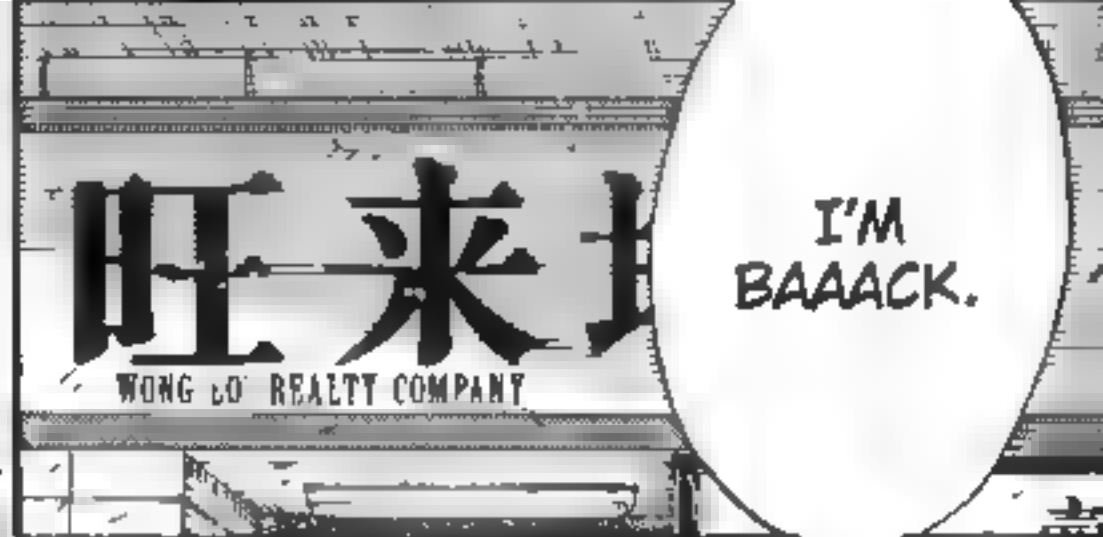
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SORRY.

EH
HEH
HEH



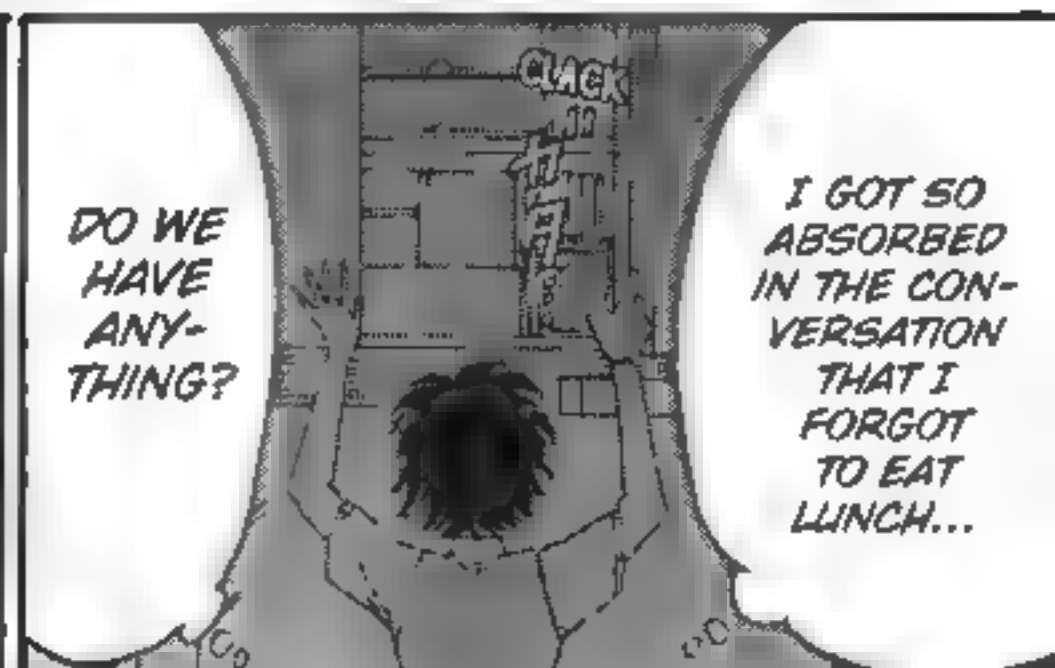
I'M
BAAACK.



TOOK YA
LONG
ENOUGH!



OH!



DO WE
HAVE
ANY-
THING?

I GOT SO
ABSORBED
IN THE CON-
VERSATION
THAT I
FORGOT
TO EAT
LUNCH...



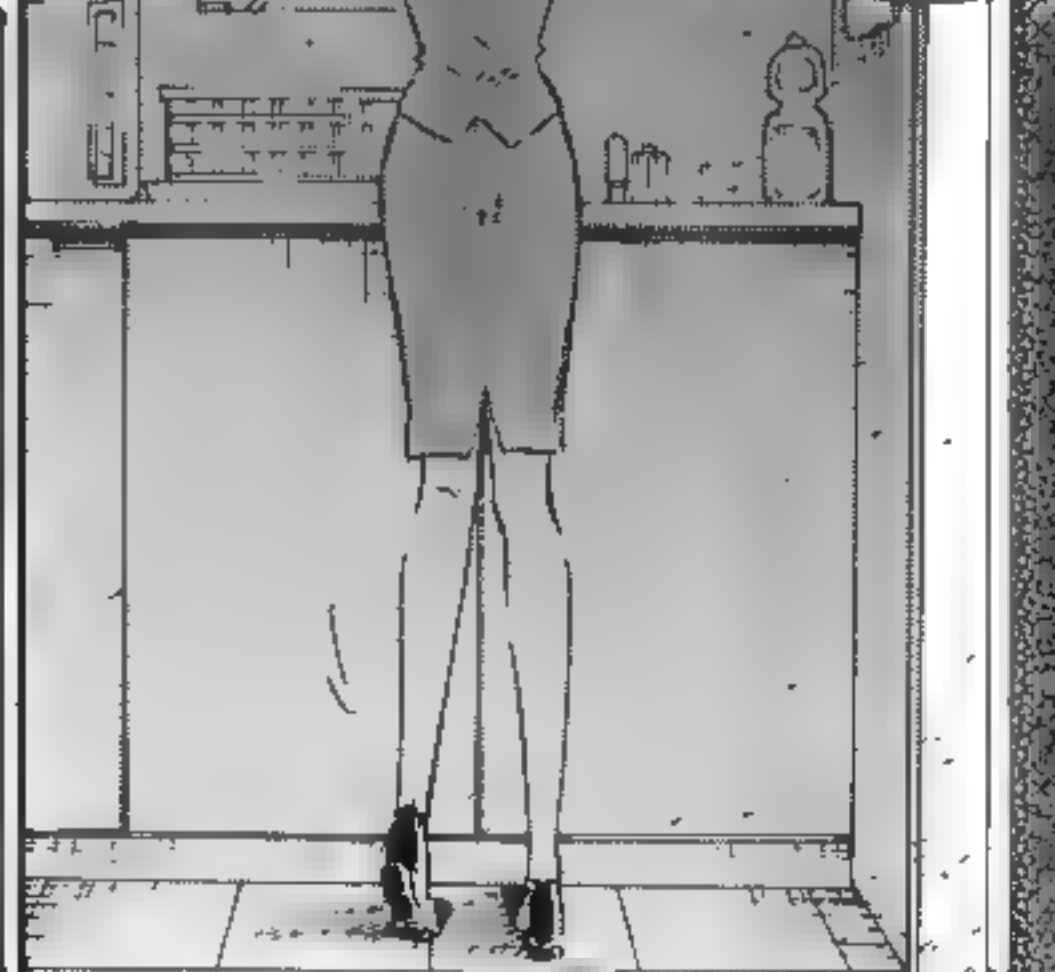
HUNH?



CLACK

CLACK

CLACK





HUH?
.. OH...
SORRY...

THOSE
ARE MY
OVERTIME
CUPMEN!
I WAS
LOOKIN'
FORWARD
TO
THOSE!!



ARRRGH!
HEY!!



YOU
LOOK...

...HAPPIER
LATELY.



LIAMMA, I
DIDN'T EAT
ENOUGH...?

AH...

DIDN'T
YOU JUST
GET BACK
FROM
LUNCH?





AH.
OKAY.

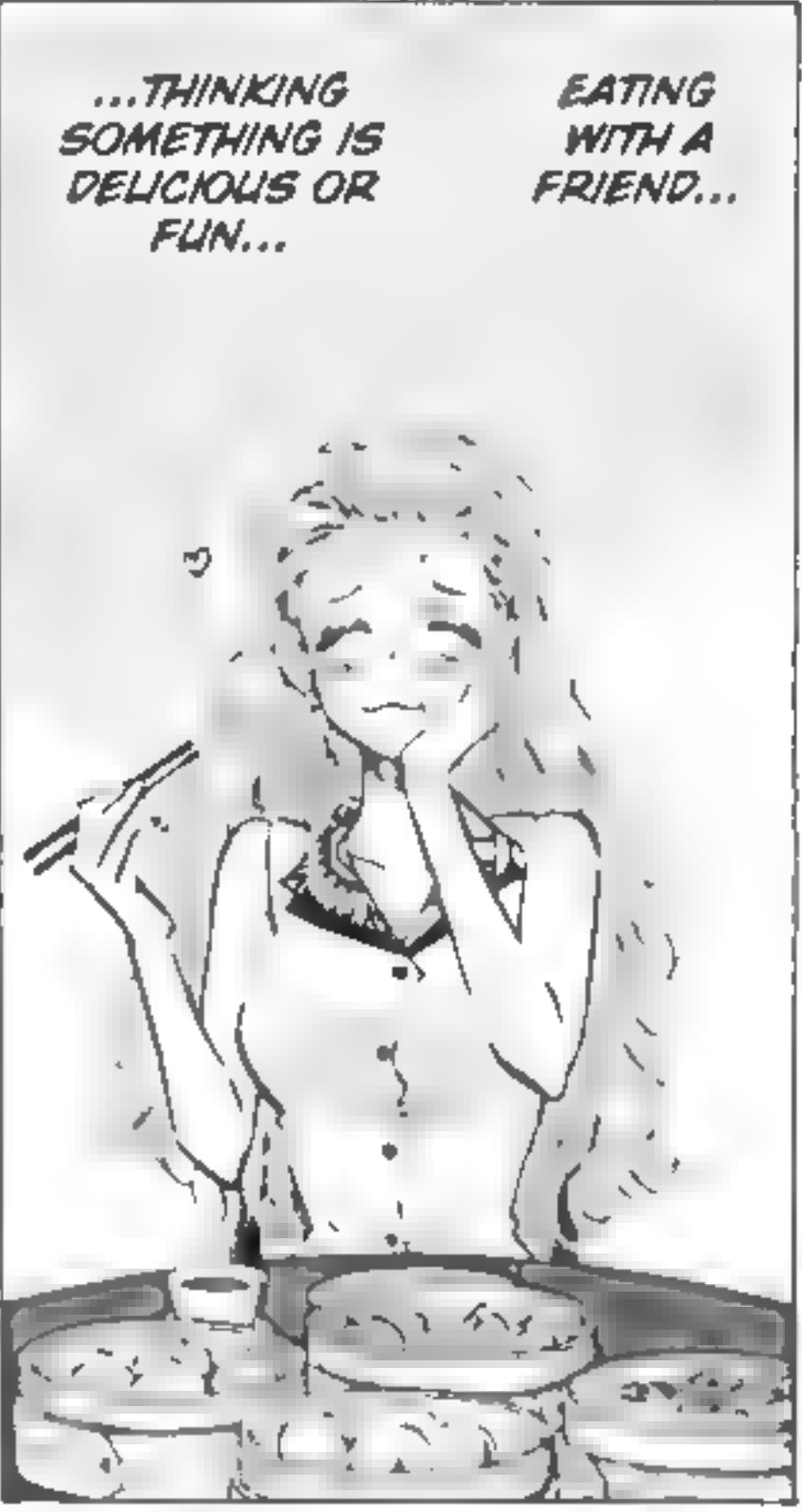
REPLACE
MY CLIPMEN
NOODLES!



THAT'S
RIGHT.



...FEELING
HAPPY
ABOUT WHAT
SOMEONE
SAYS
TO YOU...



...THINKING
SOMETHING IS
DELICIOUS OR
FUN...

EATING
WITH A
FRIEND...



...AS
PROOF
THAT I AM
ME!

ALL OF
THESE
THINGS ARE
CARVED
INTO ME...

WOW.

...REALLY
BECOMING
MY OWN
PERSON!

I'M...



HOW
THEY
WANT
ABOUT
THE
KINGDOM

EVERY
DAY IS
FUN.

IT'S LIKE
THE HAZE IN
MY HEAD IS
CLEARING UP
BIT BY BIT.



GLAD

5 up

3,

SIGN: GOOD LUCK

...LOVES
NOSTALGIA
AND HATES
CHANGE...



...AND
WORKS
WITH ME,
SOMEONE
WITH
THE SAME
FACE AS
HER...

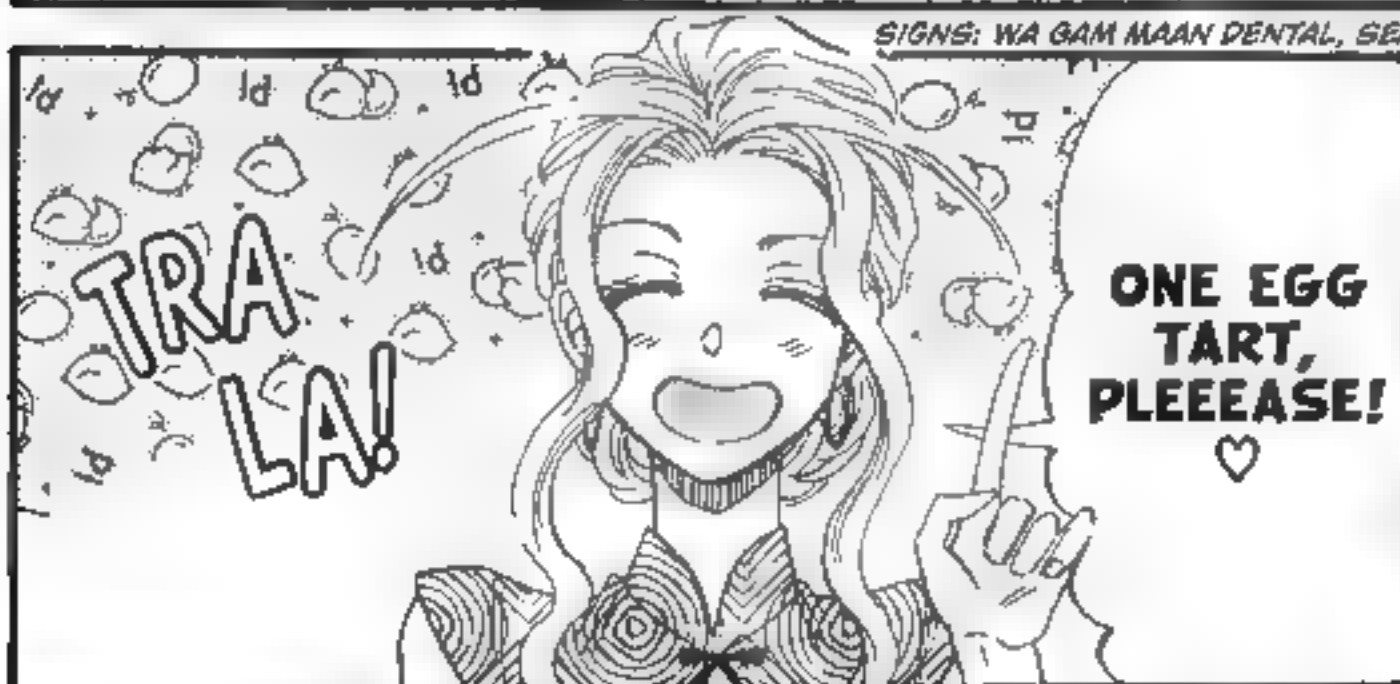
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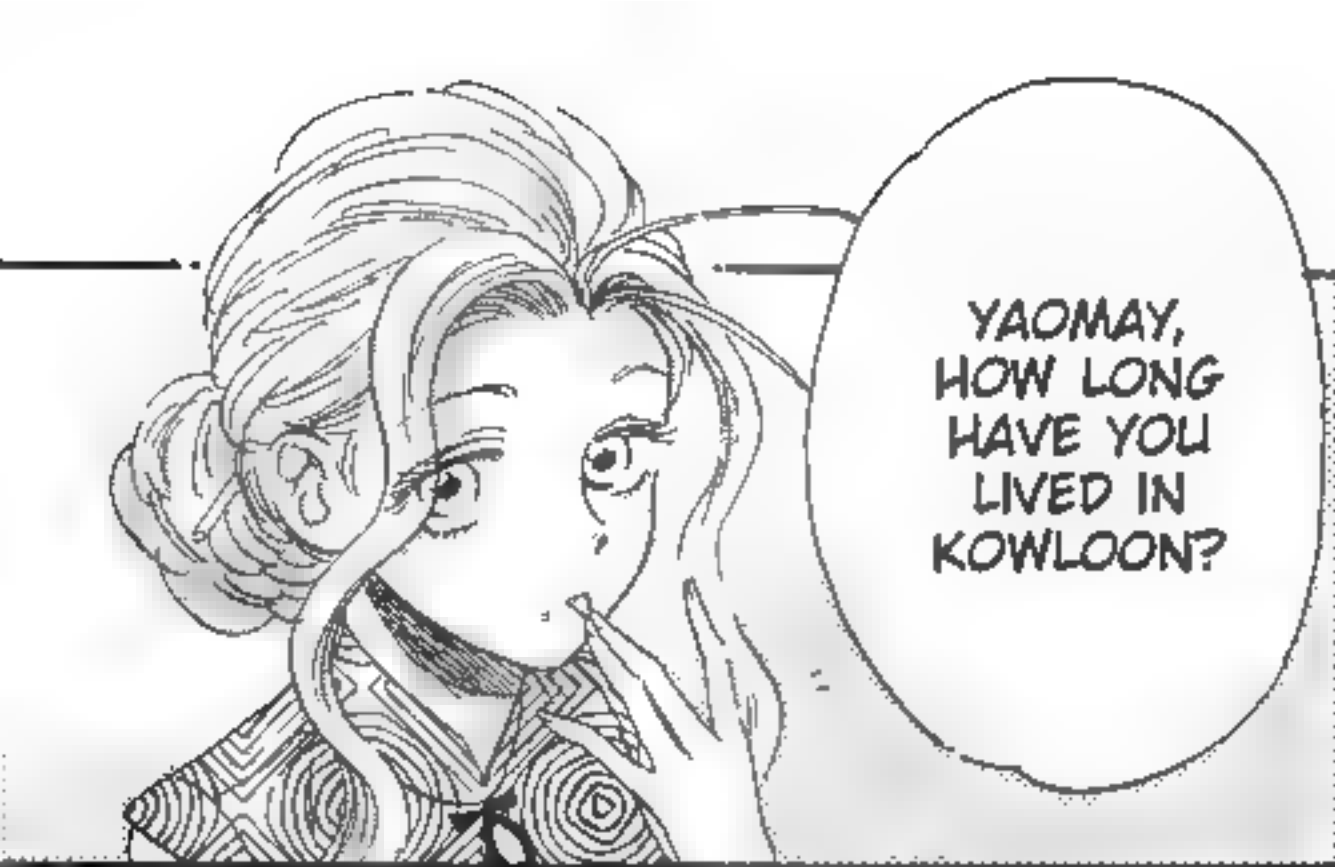
HE LOST THE
WOMAN TO
WHOM HE WAS
ENGAGED...





SIGNS: WA GAM MAAN DENTAL, SEA DRAGON RESTAURANT, — NOODLES





YAOMAY,
HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
LIVED IN
KOWLOON?



I NEVER SAW
ANY WOMAN
THIS EYE-
CATCHING WHEN
I LIVED IN
KOWLOON...

YOU
DIDN'T ORDER
ANYTHING
AT THE CAFE
EITHER.



THOUGHT
SO...

LET'S
SEE.
MAYBE
SIX
MONTHS
OR SO?



HOW'D
YOU
KNOW!?
YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT...

HUH
!?

HAD
YOU NEVER
HEARD
ABOUT
KOWLOON
BEFORE,
BY ANY
CHANCE?

SIGN: NAAM ON COMPANY



MNCH
MNCH
MNCH

DAYN-
ZHER-
UTH
!?

SHE'S
STUFFING
HER
FACE...



THIS
PLACE IS
FAR MORE
DANGEROUS
THAN YOU
THINK,
YAOMAY.



FIGURED.

WELL...

...THE WAY I
LOOK NOW
IS PRETTY
DIFFERENT
FROM HOW I
USED TO...

OH
YEAH?

HUH?
NOT
ESPE-
CIALLY...

HEY, HAVE
YOU HAD
ANY HEALTH
PROBLEMS
SINCE MOVING
TO KOWLOON?

WHAT
KIND?

OH, BUT...
IT'S NOT
EXACTLY TO
DO WITH
MY HEALTH,
BUT THERE
WAS THIS...
ABNORMAL
CHANGE?

I EVEN
HAD
ANOTHER
ME, AFTER
ALL.

I
BELIEVE
YOU.

STRANGE
STORY,
RIGHT? I
HAVE A
HARD TIME
BELIEVING IT
MYSELF...

AH-
HA-HA.
FAIR
POINT

...BUT THE
OTHER DAY,
I SUDDENLY
REVERTED
BACK TO HOW
I LOOKED IN
THE PAST.

IT WASN'T A
HALLUCINATION
OR SOMETHING
EITHER. I
FELT THAT I'D
REALLY
TURNED BACK.

HOW
DID YOU
FIX IT?

THE
PAST...



**SHE
TURNED MY
PRESENT
SELF INTO MY
"ABSOLUTE
SELF."**

**I HAVE
REKO-PON
TO THANK
FOR THAT!**

**WHAT'D
YOU SAY IT
WAS AGAIN?
TRUSTING
YOURSELF?**

**YOU
MENTIONED
THAT
"ABSOLUTE
SELF" THING
BEFORE
TOO.**

**IF I HAD
TO EXPLAIN
IN MORE
DETAIL...**

**YUP,
THAT'S
RIGHT!**

**TO
CHOOSE...**

**...BE IT
CLOTHES,
SHOES,
FOOD, AND
EVEN YOUR
WORDS!**

**...I'D SAY
IT MEANS
TO CHOOSE
WHAT YOU
TRULY
LIKE...**

IF YOU QUIT
ALL OF THE LYING
AND STICK TO
DOING WHAT YOU
WANT TO DO FROM
THE BOTTOM OF
YOUR HEART IN THAT
MOMENT, YOU CAN
BECOME YOUR
ABSOLUTE SELF.
THAT'S WHAT I
THINK.

PEOPLE TEND
TO TELL TINY
LIES EVERY DAY,
RIGHT? BUT THAT
ONLY LEADS TO
THEM CREATING
A FAKE SELF.

SIGNS: KOWLOON MEAT COMPANY / FLOWER SHOP

"...WHAT
CONSTITUTES
MY LIFE."

"I'LL
BE THE
ONE TO
CHOOSE..."

"...CHOOSE
ME."

EVEN IF I
COME TO
REGRET MY
ACTIONS...

I SEE
NOW. THAT
EXPLAINS
THAT FIRM
RESOLVE...

...HA
HA!

...I'D
RATHER BE
THE REAL,
ABSOLUTE
ME THAN A
FAKE...A
LIE.



BECAUSE
THERE'S
SOMEONE I
CAN'T LEAVE
ALONE.



IT'S
DANGEROUS,
RIGHT?

GWEN, WHY
ARE YOU IN
KOWLOON?



AGAIN...?



...BUT
WHATEVER
HAPPENS,
I WANT TO
BE THERE
FOR THEM.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

I CAN'T
STOP THEM
FROM
AIMING TO
BE THEIR
ABSOLUTE
SELF...

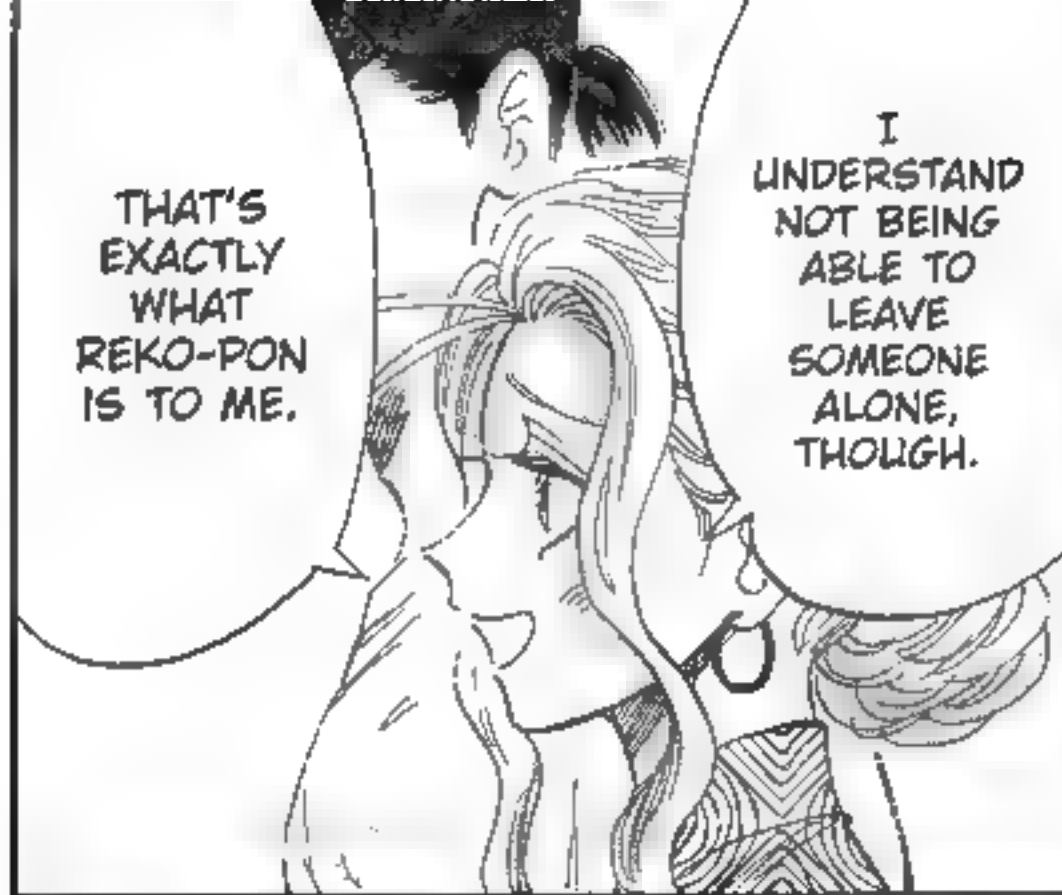


OH
MY



IF I
LEFT THAT
SOMEONE
ALONE...

...I'M
POSITIVE
I'D
REGRET IT
AGAIN.



THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT
REKO-PON
IS TO ME.

I
UNDERSTAND
NOT BEING
ABLE TO
LEAVE
SOMEONE
ALONE,
THOUGH.



MAYBE
SO.

THIS PERSON
YOU CAN'T LEAVE
ALONE—ARE THEY
YOUR SPECIAL
SOMEONE, BY
ANY CHANCE? DO
THEY SMELL OF
JASMINE?



MR.
KUDOU!

BUT DON'T
WORRY. YOU
FOR SURE
DON'T HAVE
ONE...



MR.
KUDOU
?



YEAH...
THERE
MIGHT
BE...

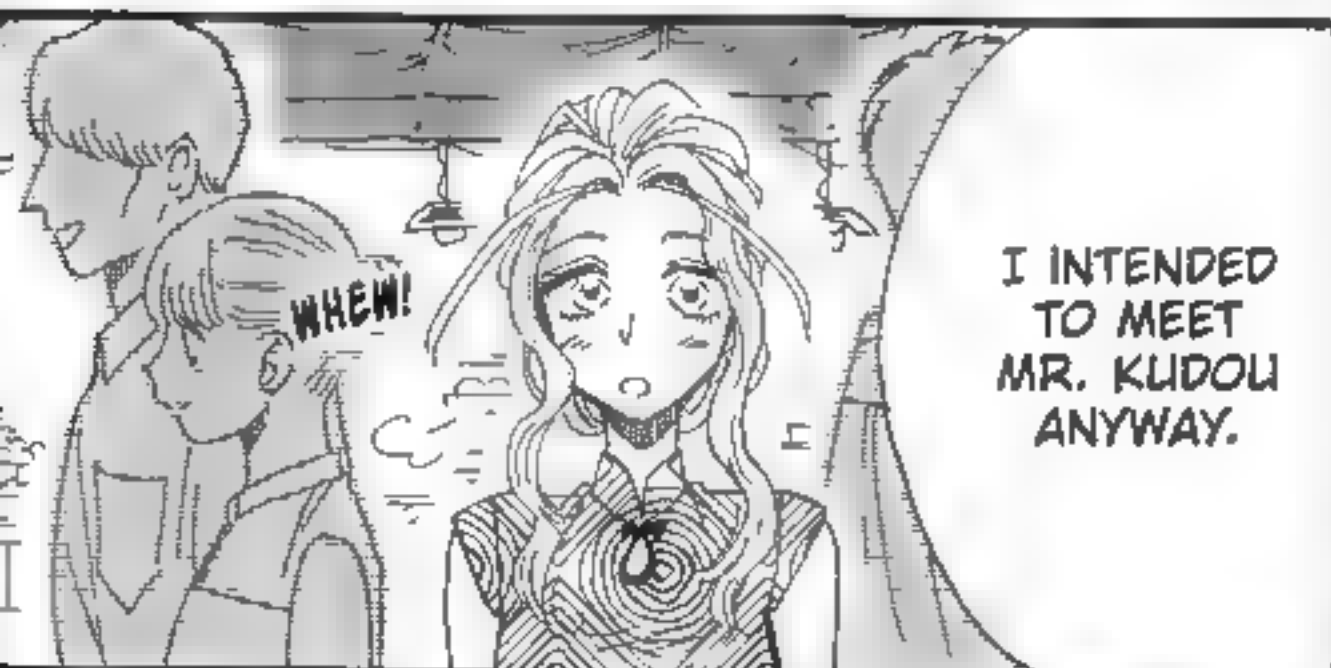
HEY, GWEN!
ARE THERE
OTHER PEOPLE
WITH SECOND
SELVES TOO!?

...AS LONG
AS REKO-
PON STAYS
HERE, I
WON'T
LEAVE
EITHER...!

EVEN IF
KOWLOON
IS A
DANGEROUS
PLACE...

I WANT YOU
TO MEET
HIM AND SEE
IF YOU CAN
CONFIRM
WHETHER HE'S
THE ORIGINAL
MR. KUDOU...

SOMETHING
ABOUT HIM
BOTHERS ME.



I INTENDED
TO MEET
MR. KUDOU
ANYWAY.

NAH,
IT'S
OKAY.

SORRY FOR
TALKING ABOUT
ALL THESE
THINGS WHEN
WE ONLY JUST
MET TODAY...





MR. KUDOU
IS THE
REAL ONE,
BEYOND A
SHADOW OF
A DOUBT.

WHO
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
THIS
CRUEL?

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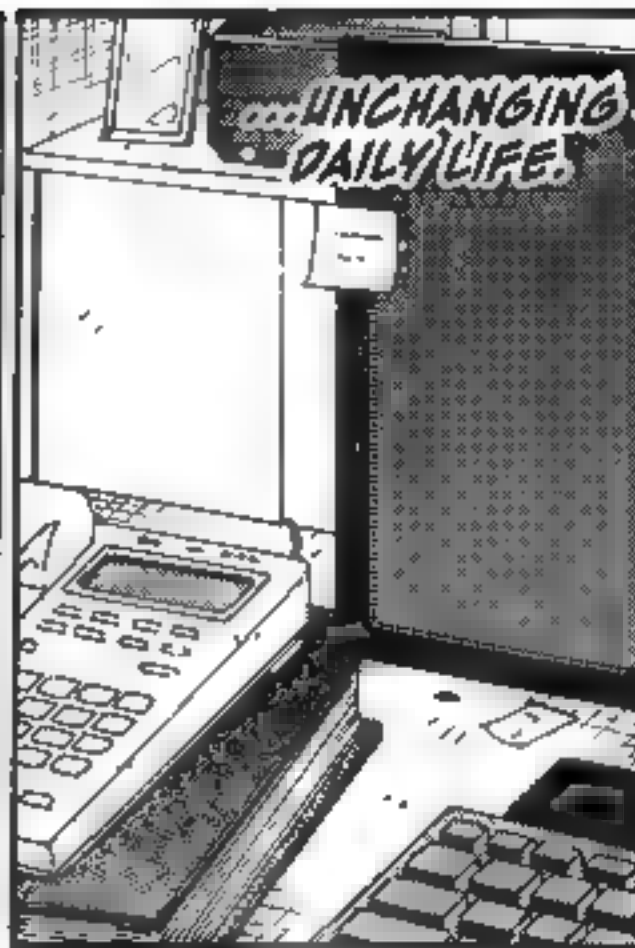
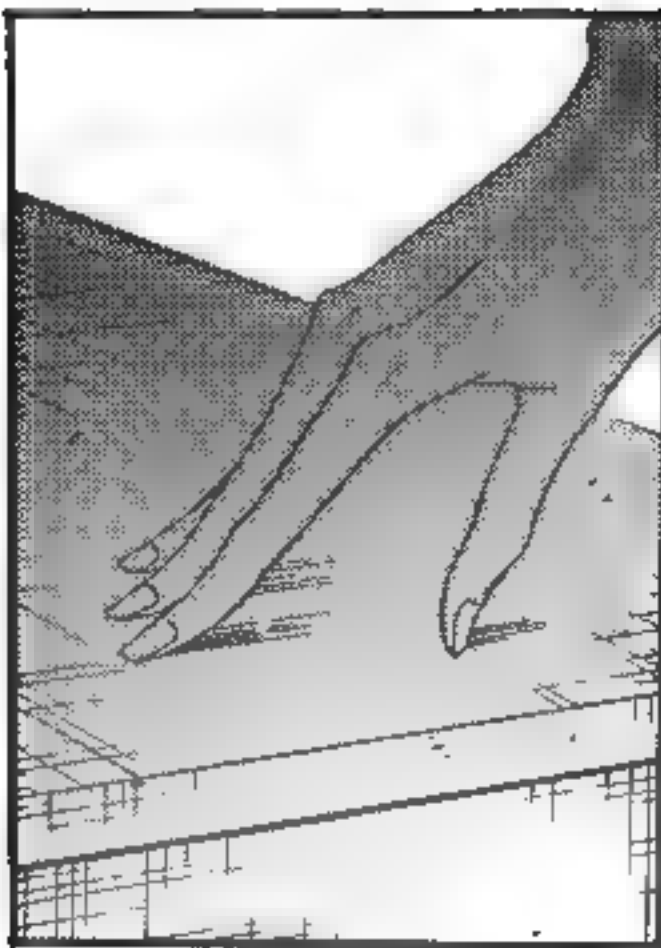
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SIGN: GOOD LUCK



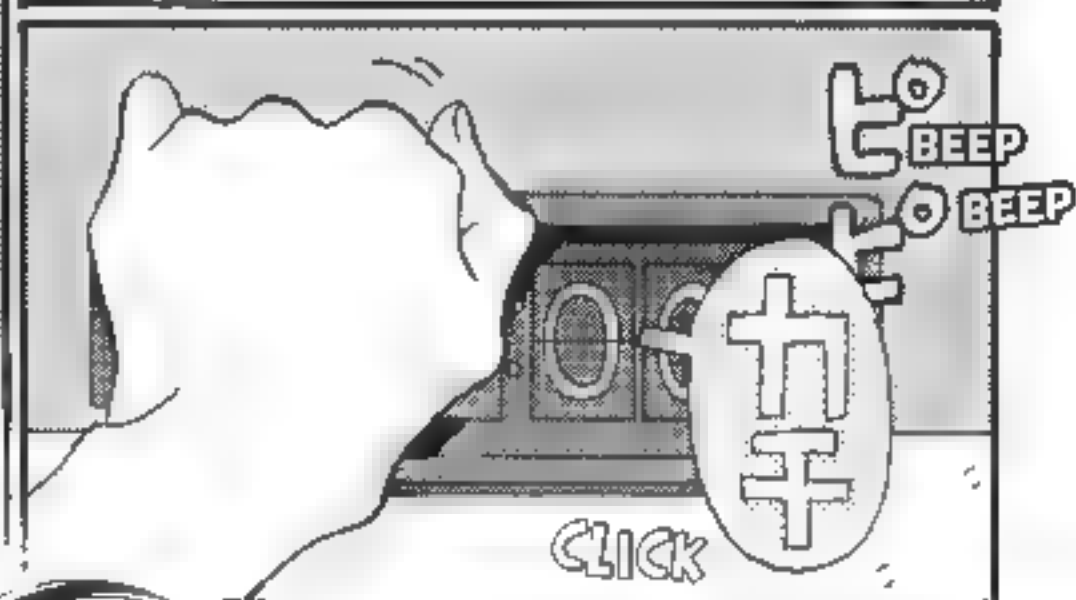
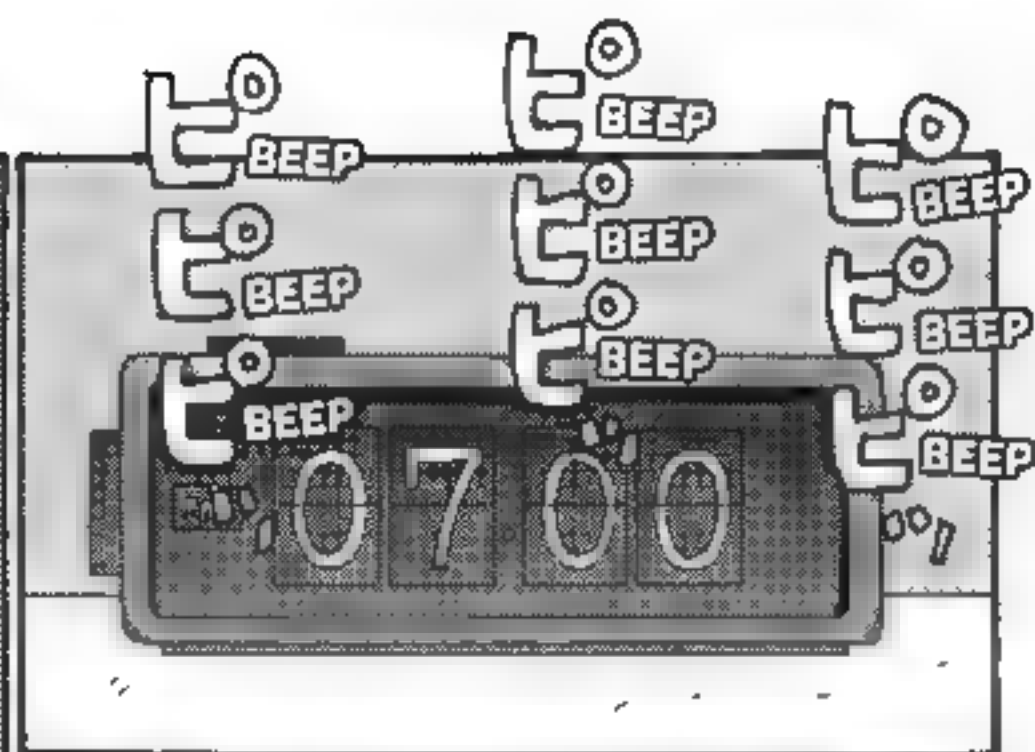
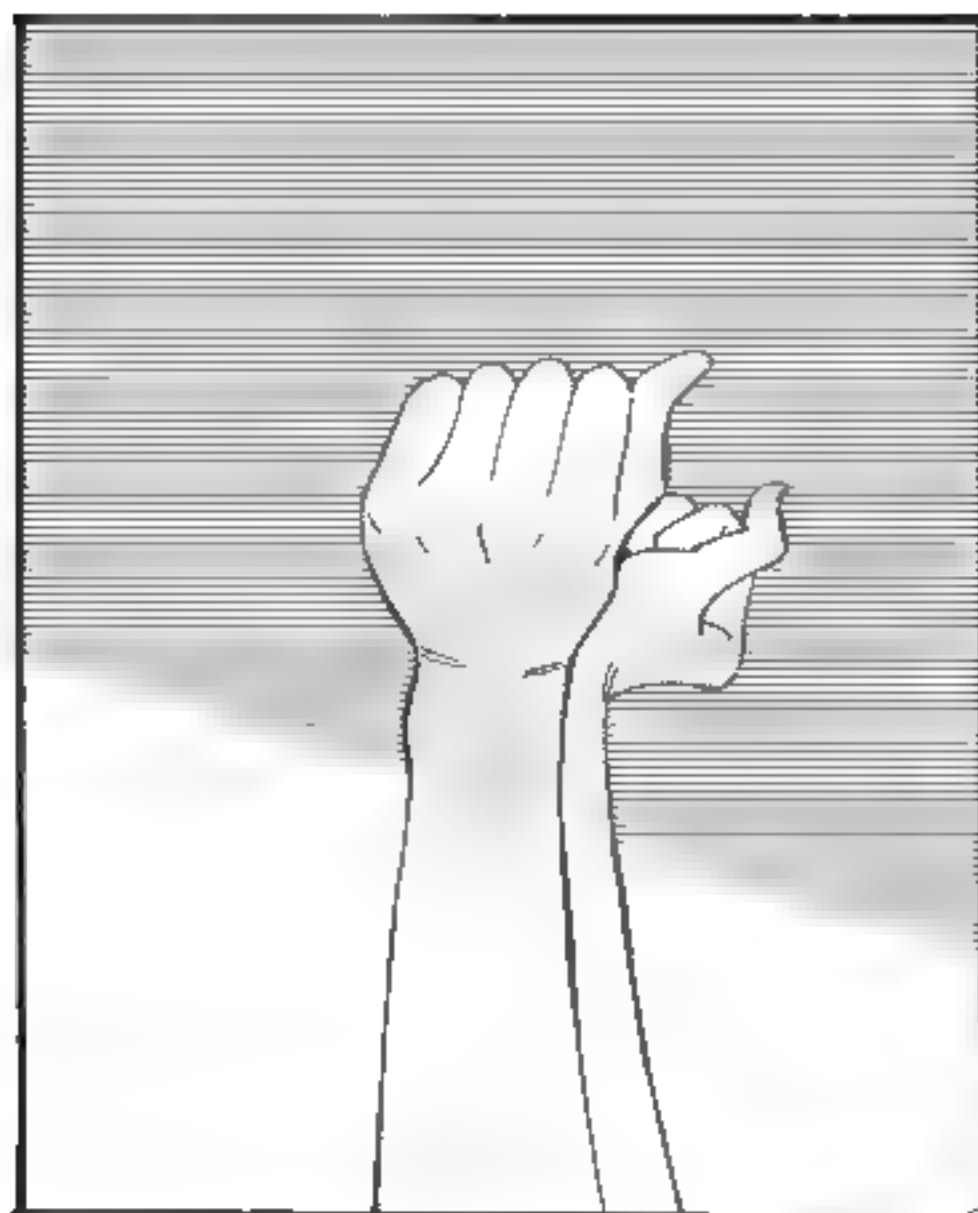


**TO MR.
KUDOH, I'M
THE ONLY
FAKE THING
IN IT.**

KOWLOON
Generic Romance

HOWLON
Generic Romance

CHAPTER 48



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SIGNS: GREAT FORTUNE, GREAT PROFIT / GOOD LUCK

What exactly are humanity's challenges in achieving this?

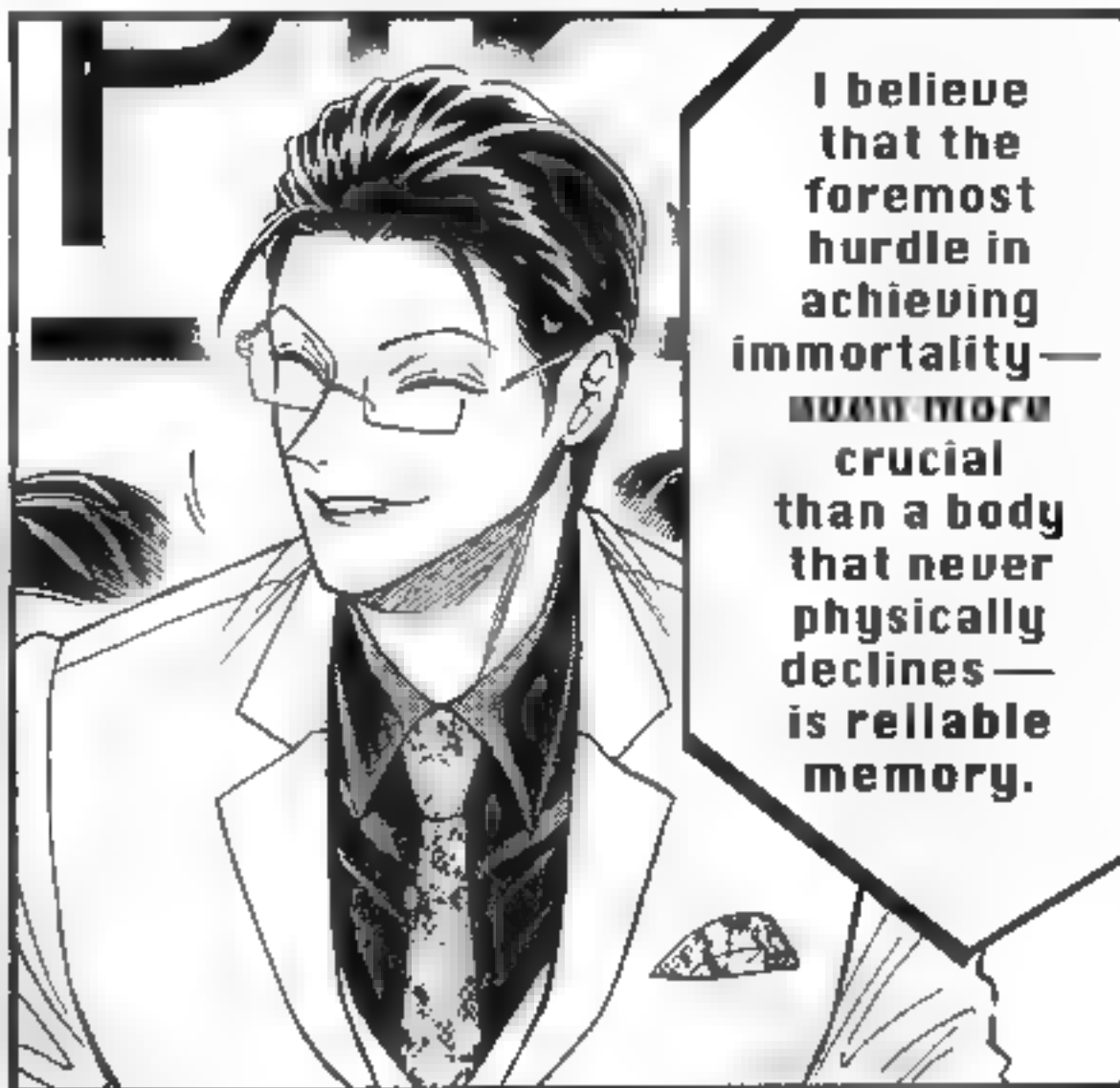


Let's talk about the possibility of immortality from the viewpoint of Generic Terra.



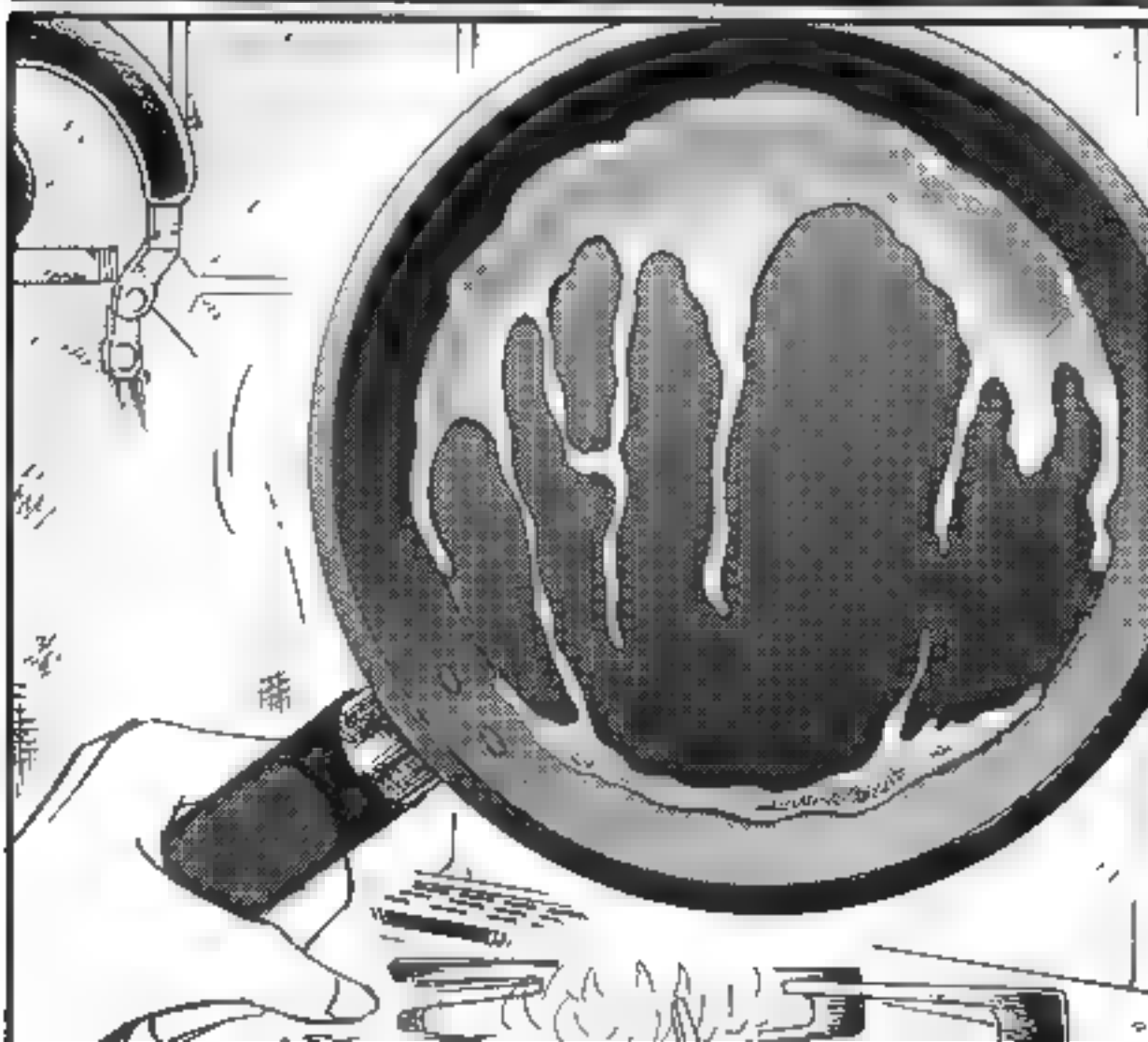
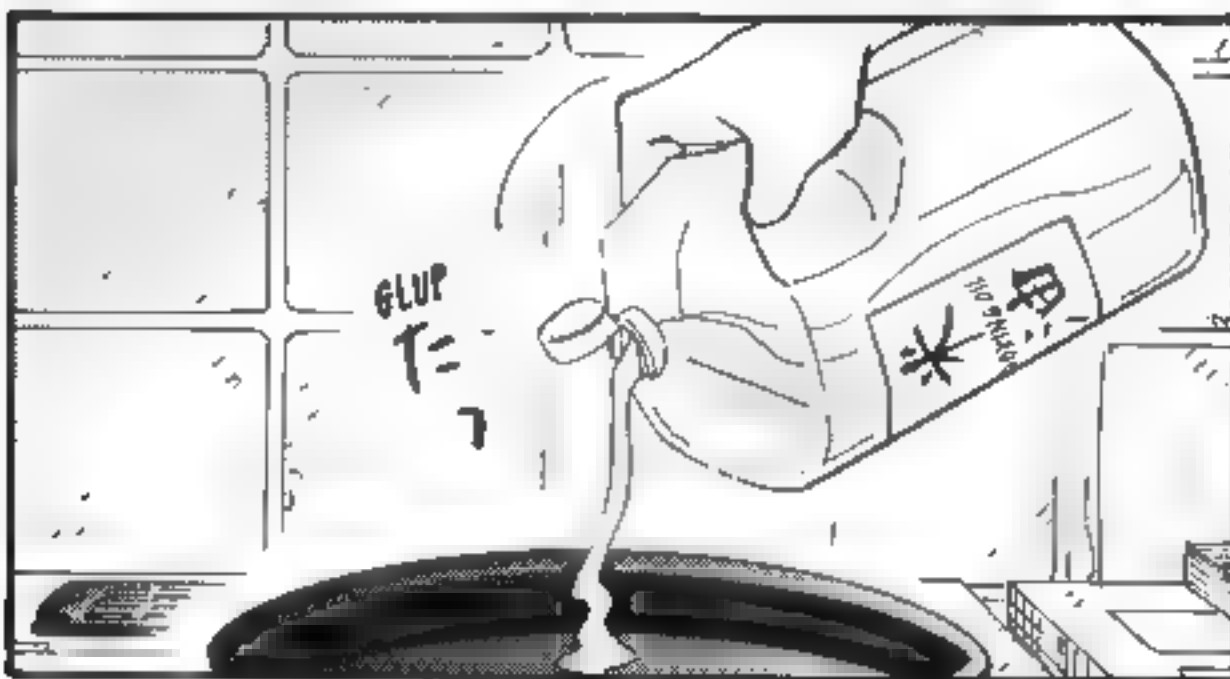
Generic Terra will achieve that.

Reliable memory, you mean?

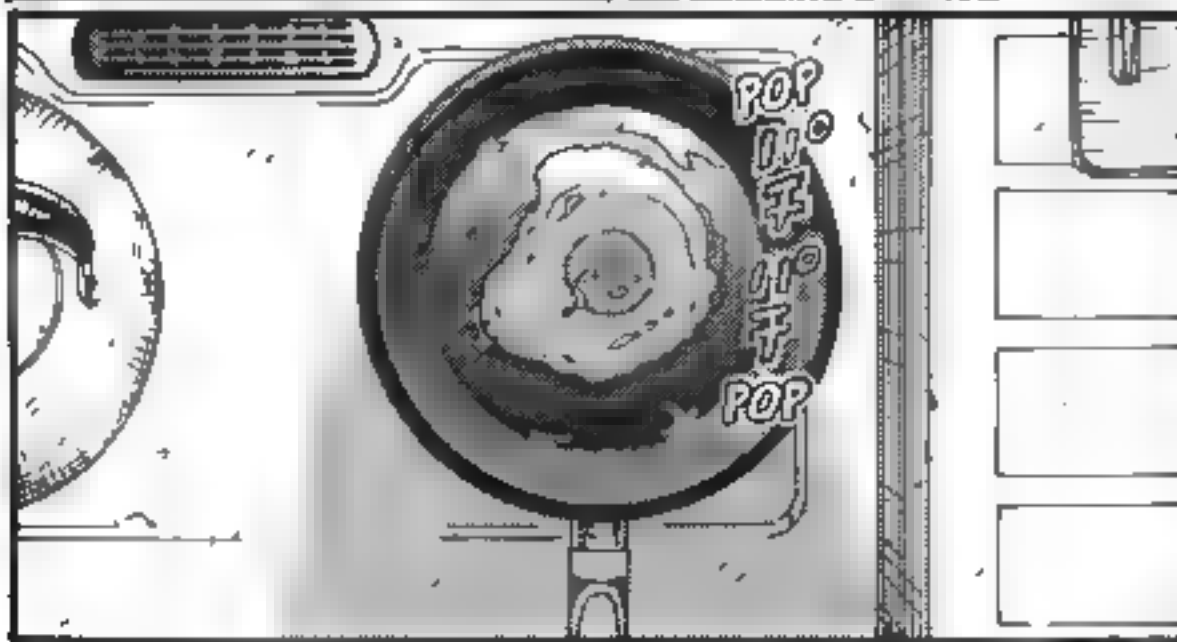


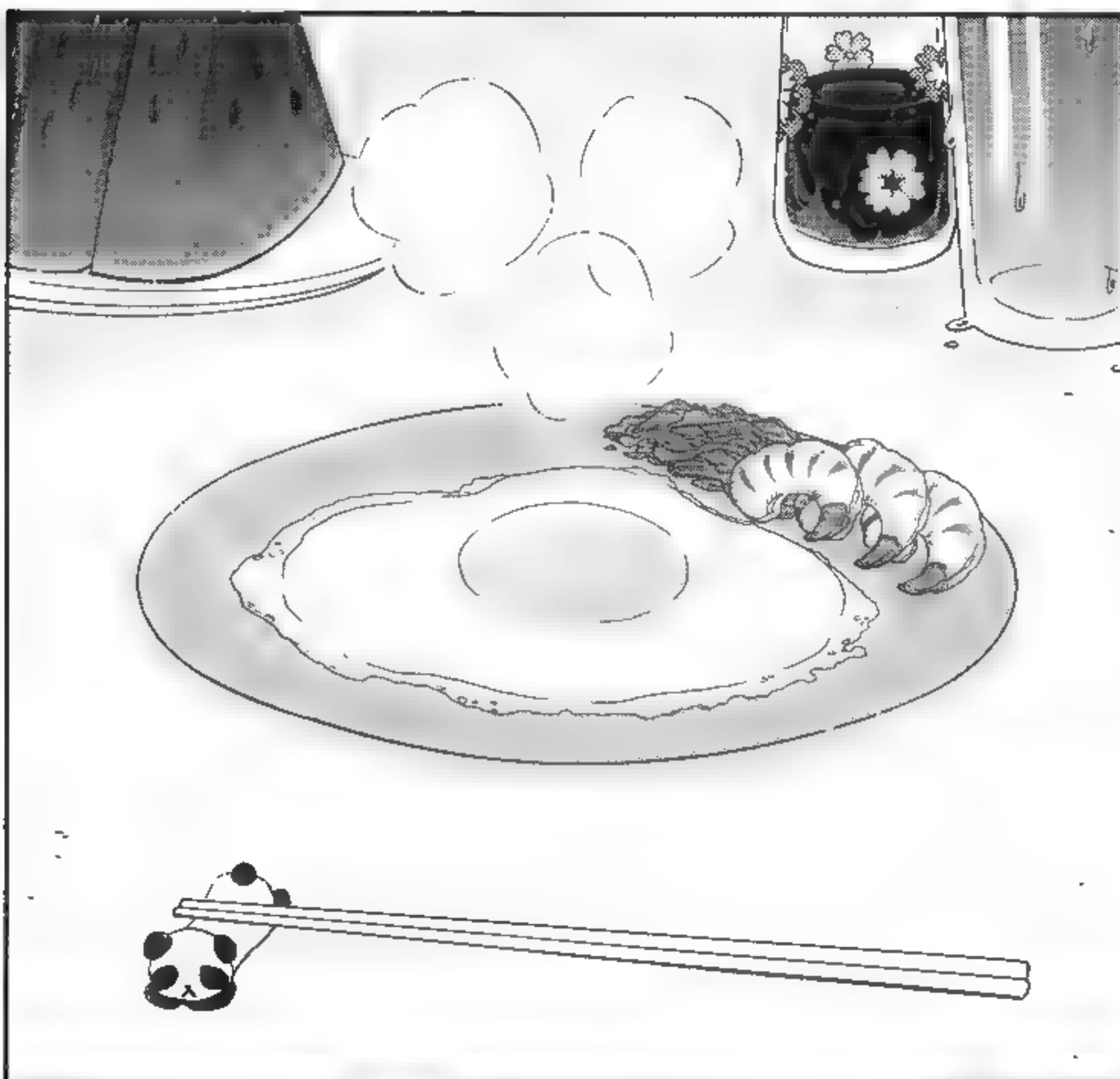
One could
also say that
memory is
indispensable
for others to
differentiate
and recognize
individuals.

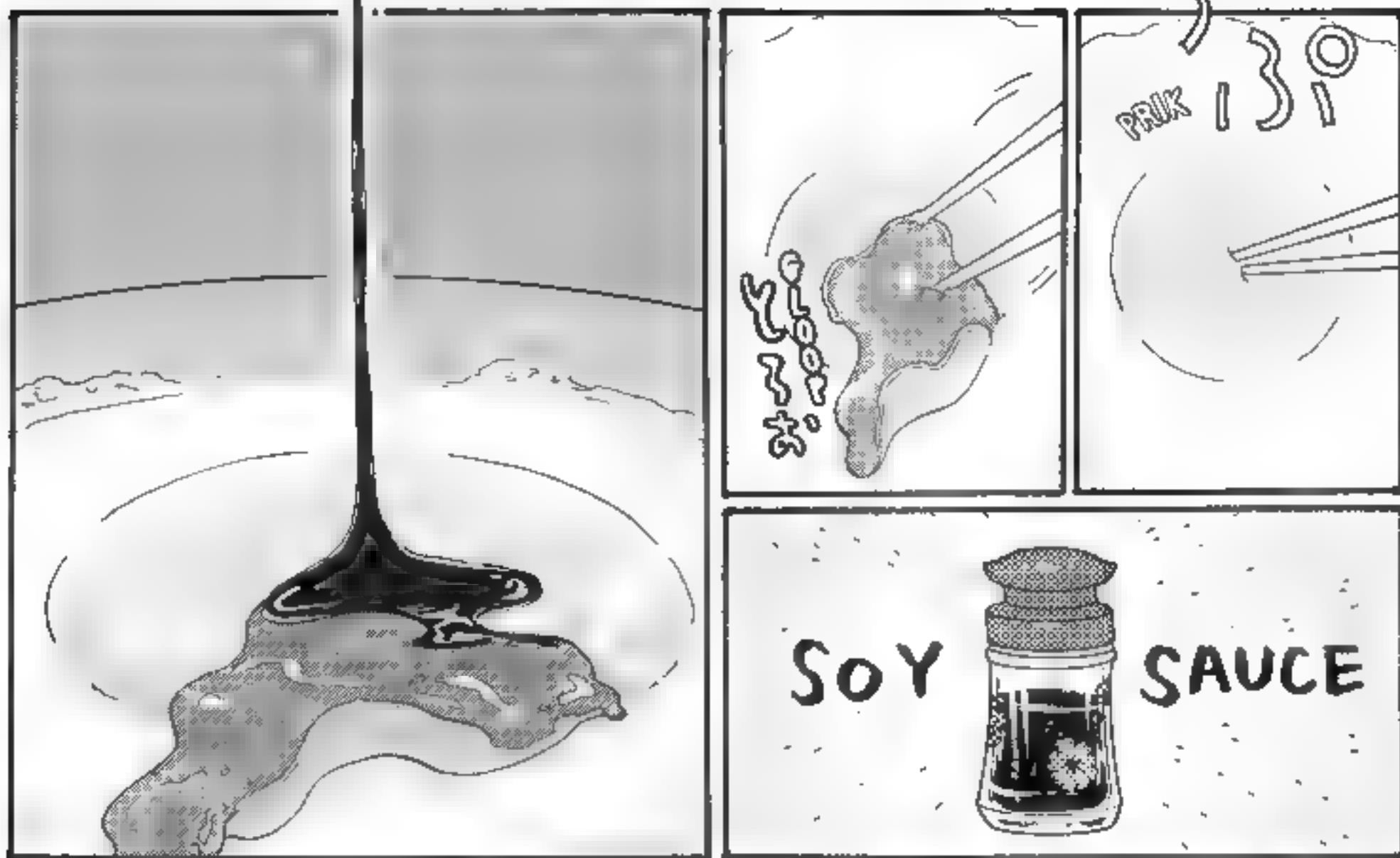
Memory
is an
essential
part of
what
makes us
human.













For example, if a person loses their memories in an accident or illness, it would be possible to restore them by synchronizing stored memories to the brain.

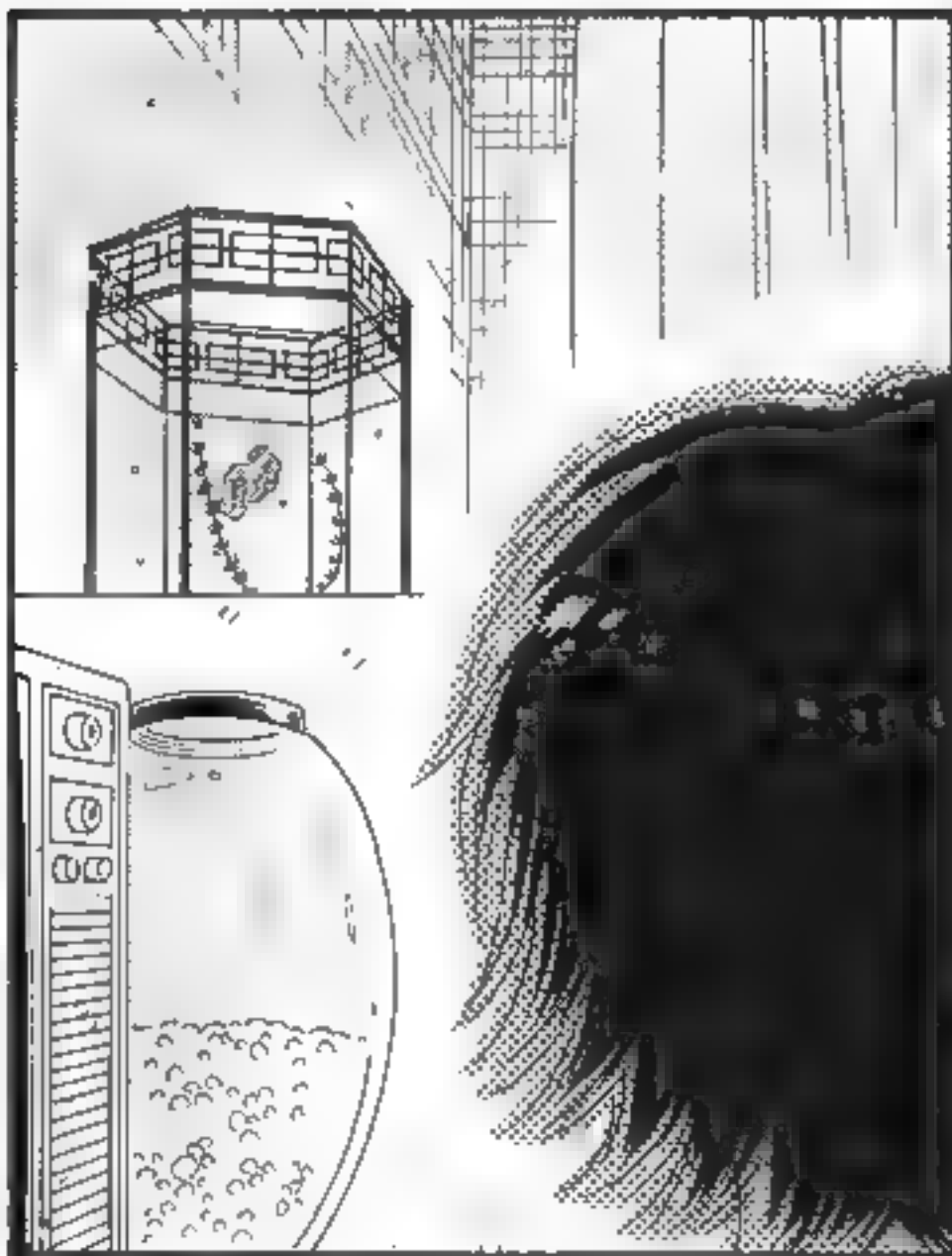
of course.

Could you give some more specific examples of how those memories would be used in practical applications?

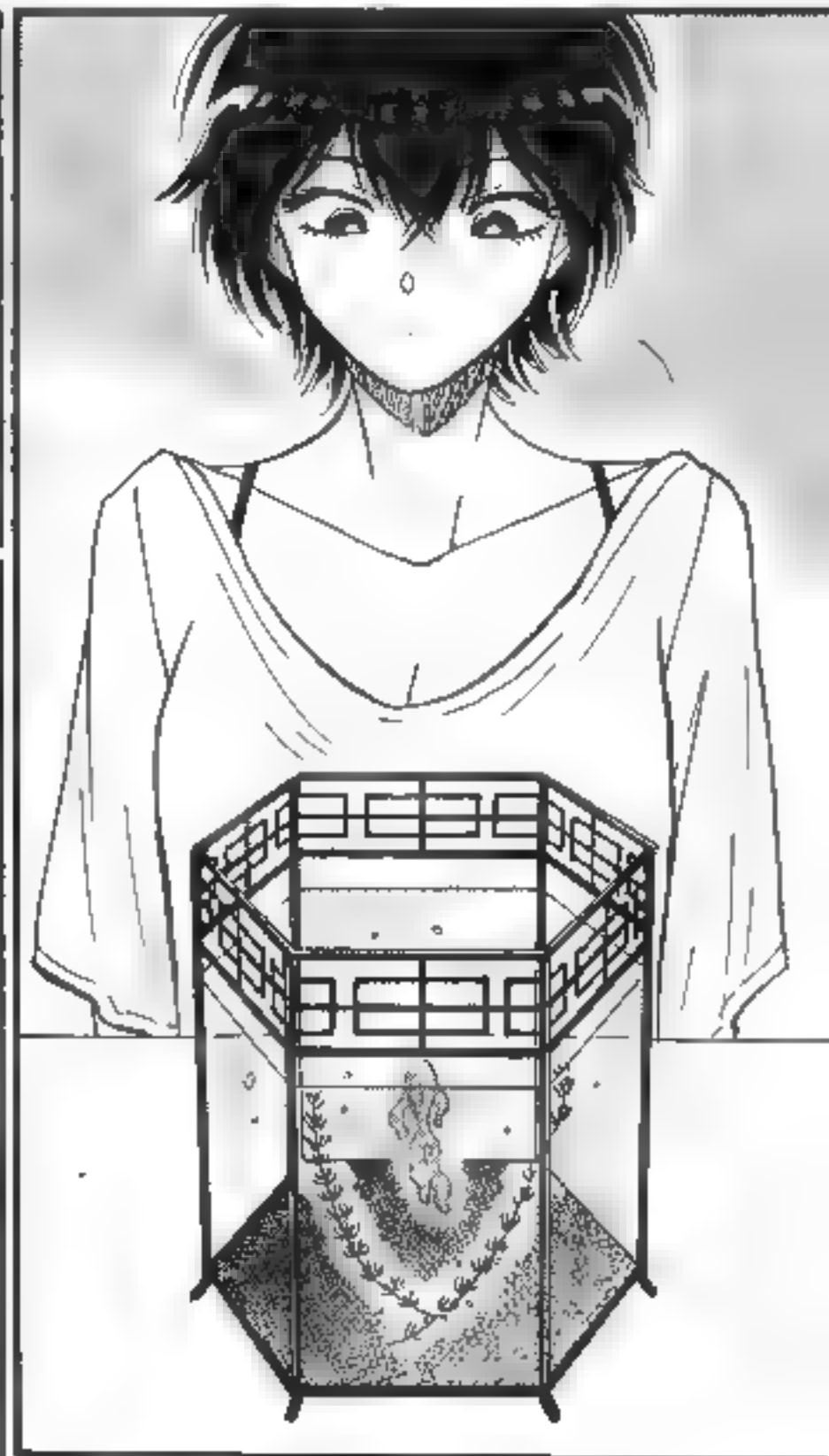
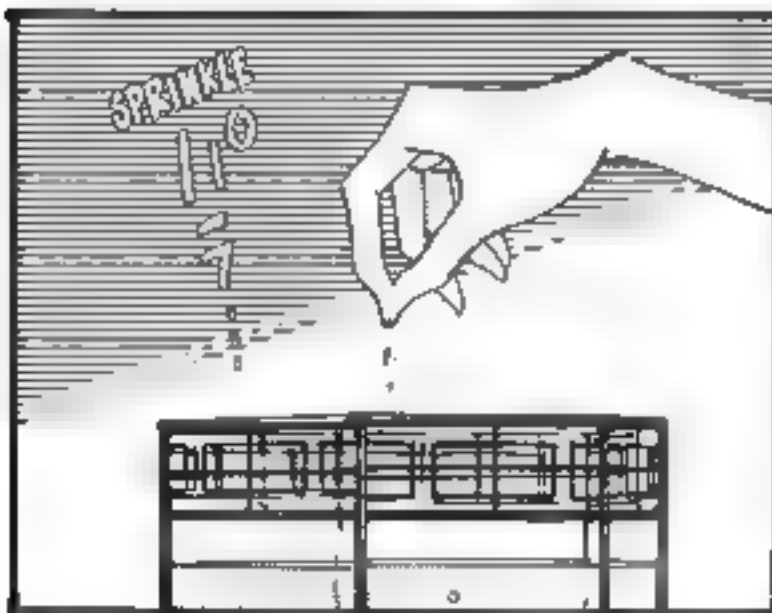
"I don't want this memory to be lost..."

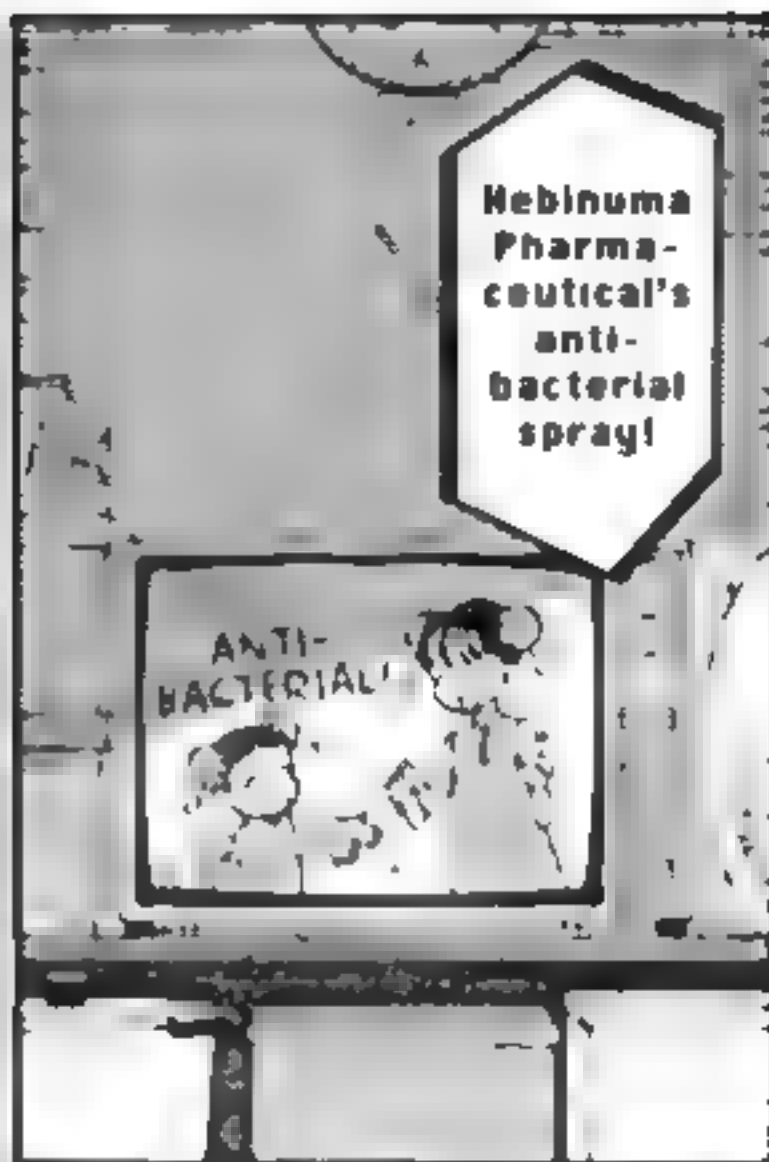
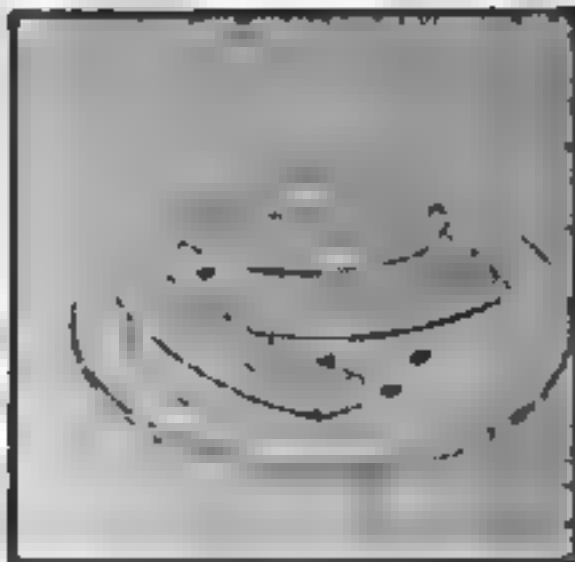
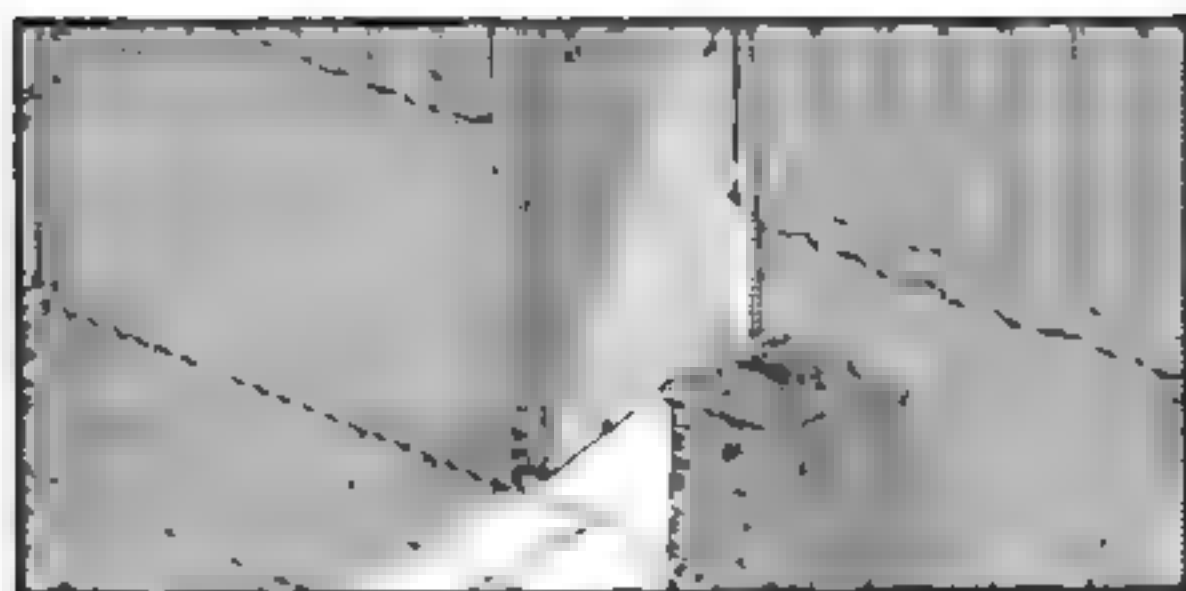
"I don't want to lose this memory ..."

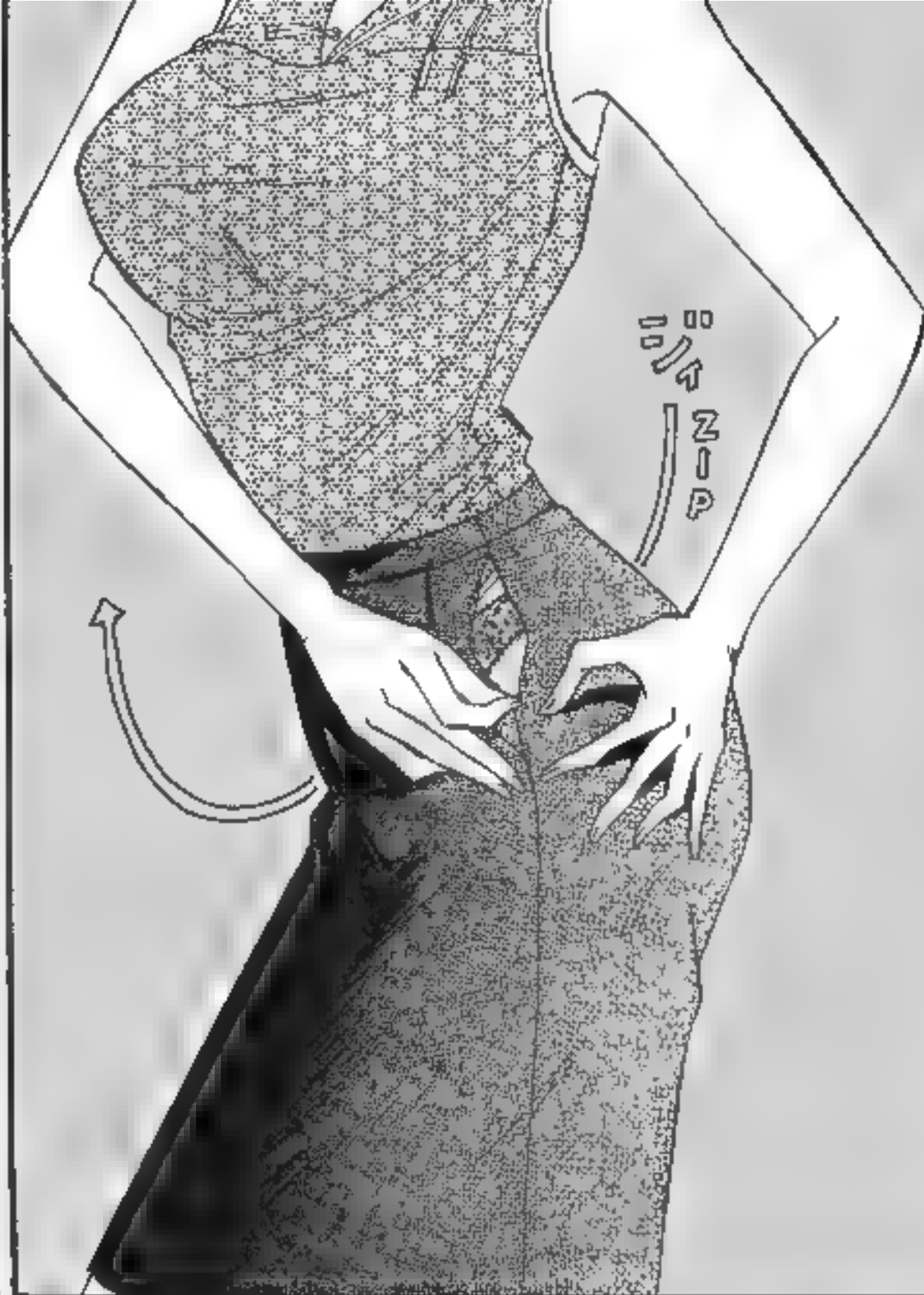
Who hasn't wished such things, whether for themselves or for others?

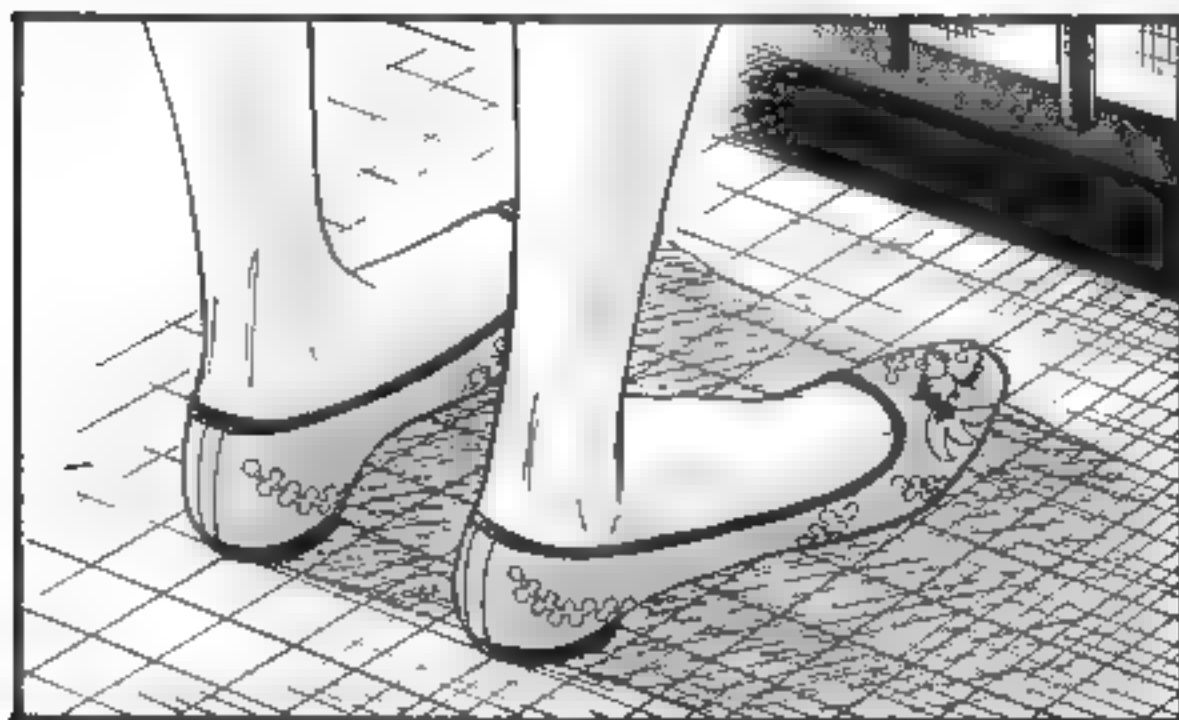


Fascinat-
ing...That's
quite a
tempting
prospect.

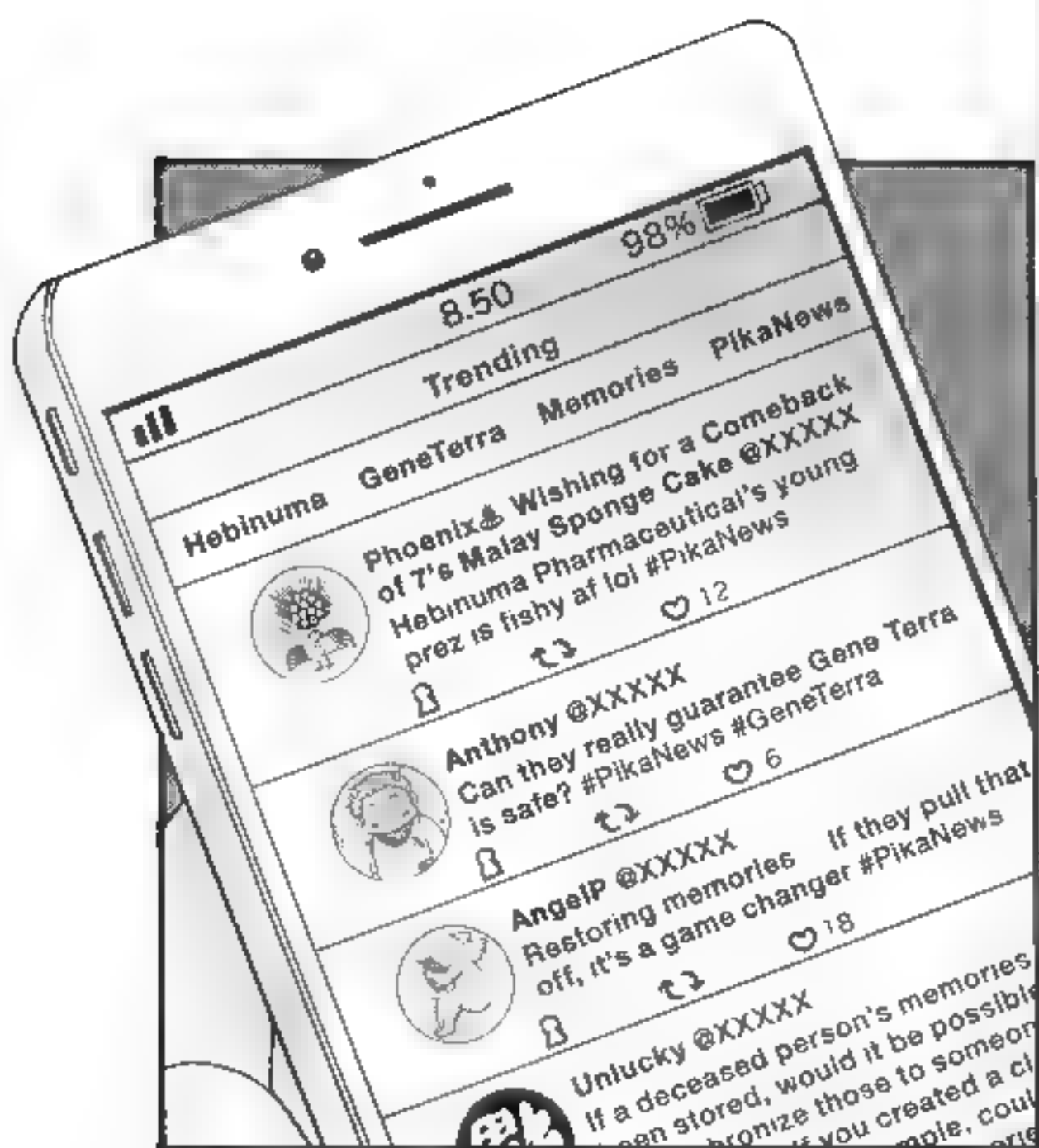








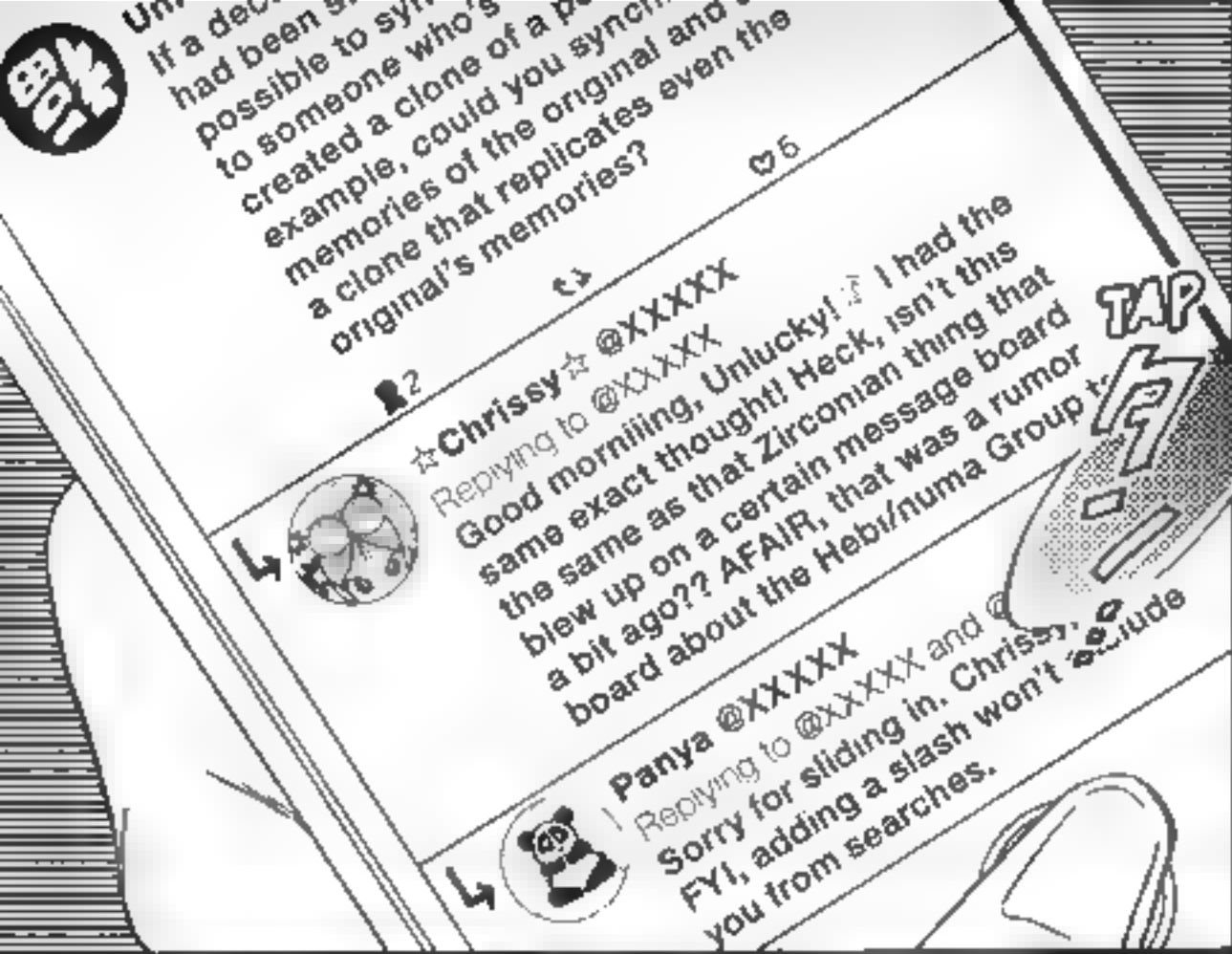
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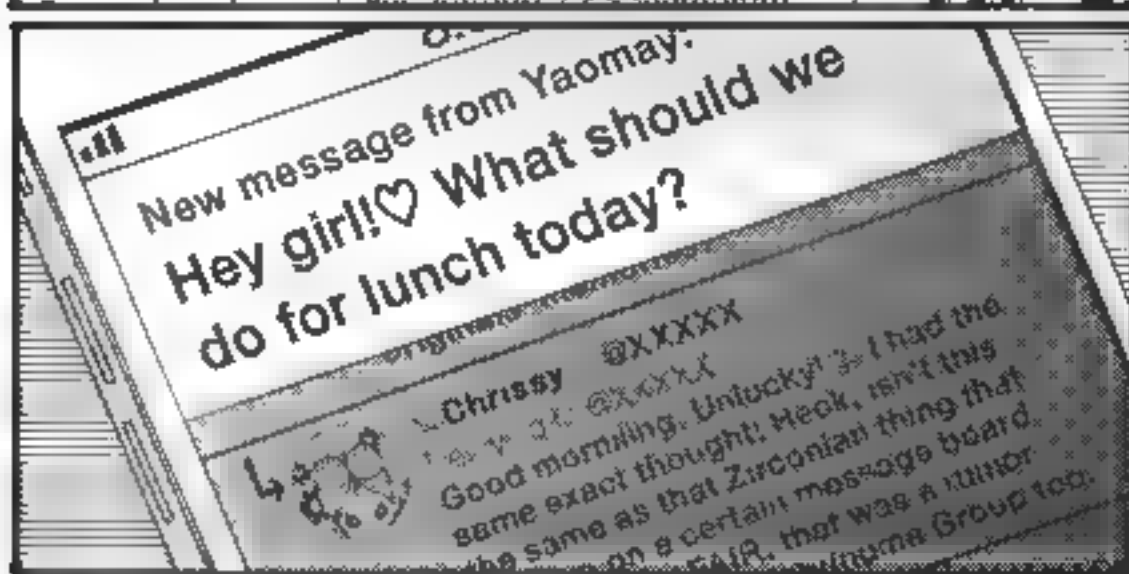


Unlucky @XXXXXX

If a deceased person's memories had been stored, would it be possible to synchronize those to someone who's alive?

If you created a clone of a person, for example, could you synchronize the memories of the original and create a clone that replicates even the original's memories?





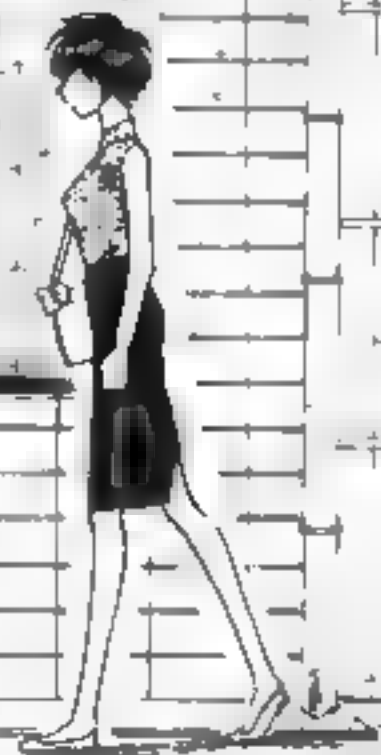
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WONG LOI
REALTY
COMPANY

旺来地產公司

賃室・売買・査定



SIGN: GOOD LUCK (UPSIDE DOWN)

SIGN: RENTALS • SALES • APPRAISALS

**KUJIRAI,
OUTTA
THE
WAAAY!**

GOOD
MOR—

GCHAK



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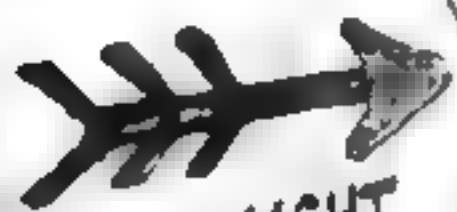
GOOD
MORNING,
MR.
KUDOU!



KOWLOON
Generic Romance

HOWLON
Generic Romance

歡樂樓



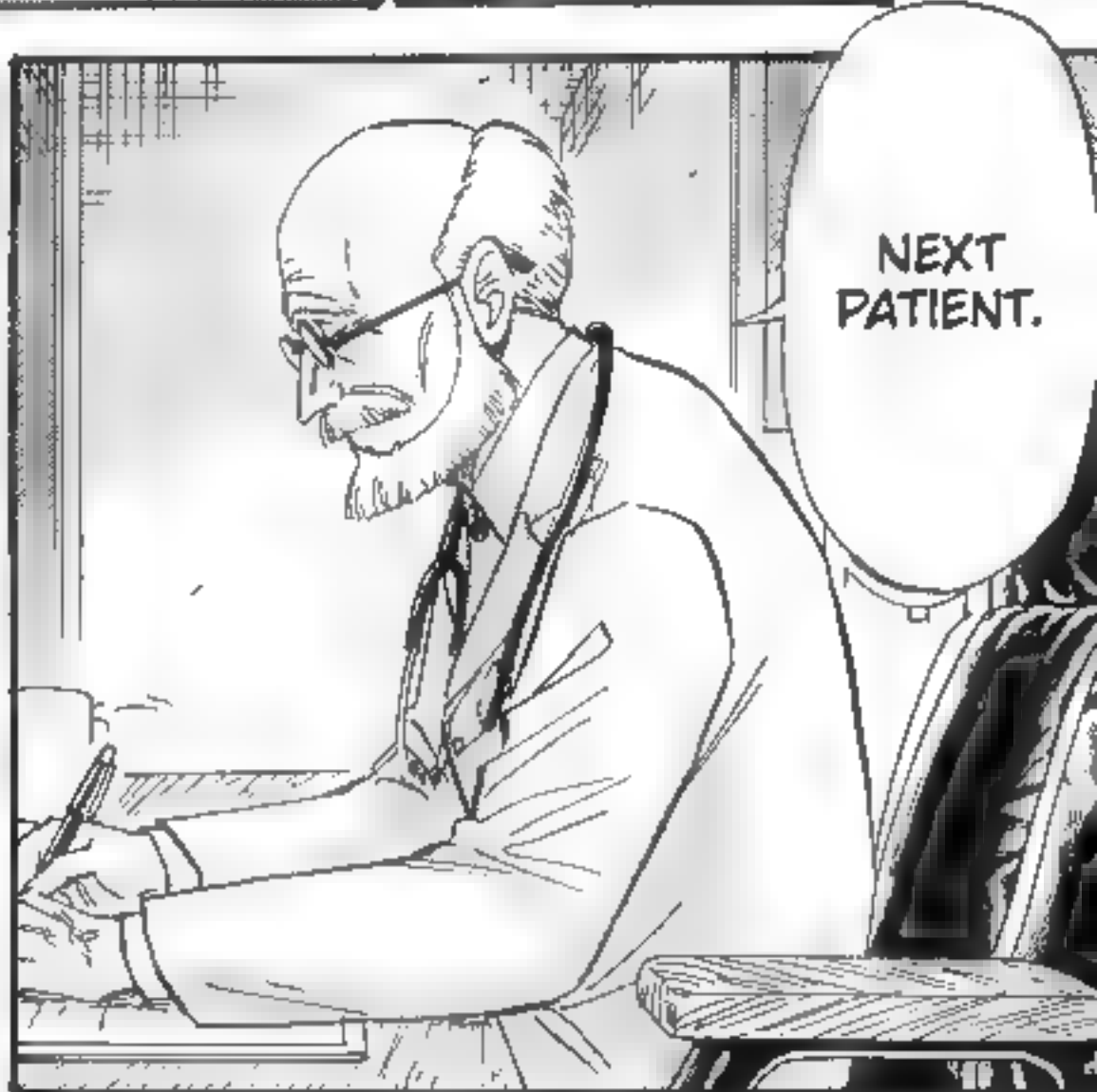
RED-LIGHT
DISTRICT

INSPECTION
COMPLETE

歡樂樓
汪診所

RED-LIGHT DISTRICT
WONG CLINIC

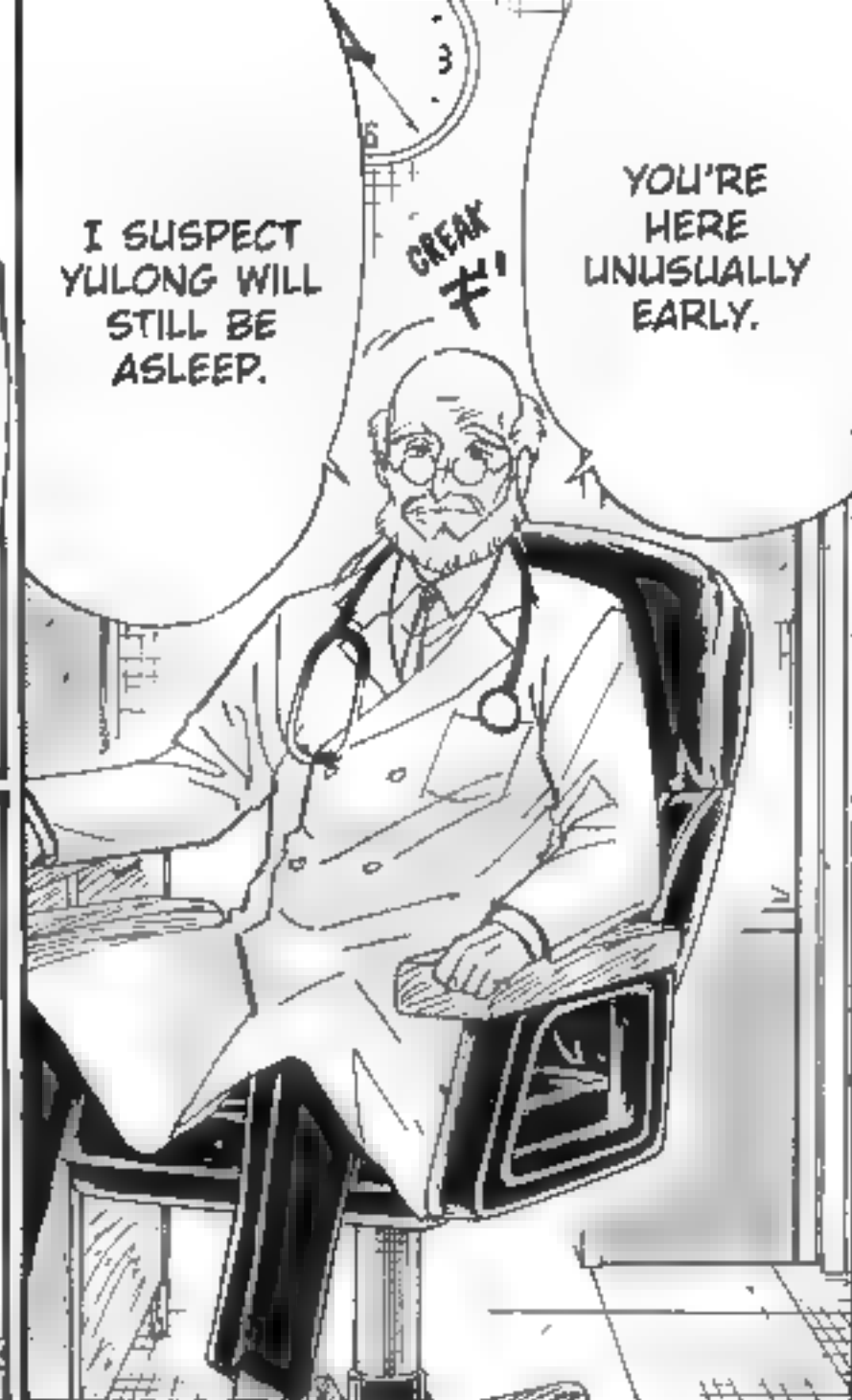
CHAPTER 49





HM?
AH, RIGHT.
YULONG HIRED
SOMEONE
NEW. A GOOD
WORKER.

...DID YOU
GET A NEW
RECEPTION-
IST?



I SUSPECT
YULONG WILL
STILL BE
ASLEEP.

YOU'RE
HERE
UNUSUALLY
EARLY.



I'M HERE
TODAY
BECAUSE
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'D LIKE TO
RECONFIRM
WITH YOU.

PLEASE

WELL,
TAKE A
SEAT.
COFFEE?
IT'S
INSTANT.

OH?
WHAT'S
THAT?



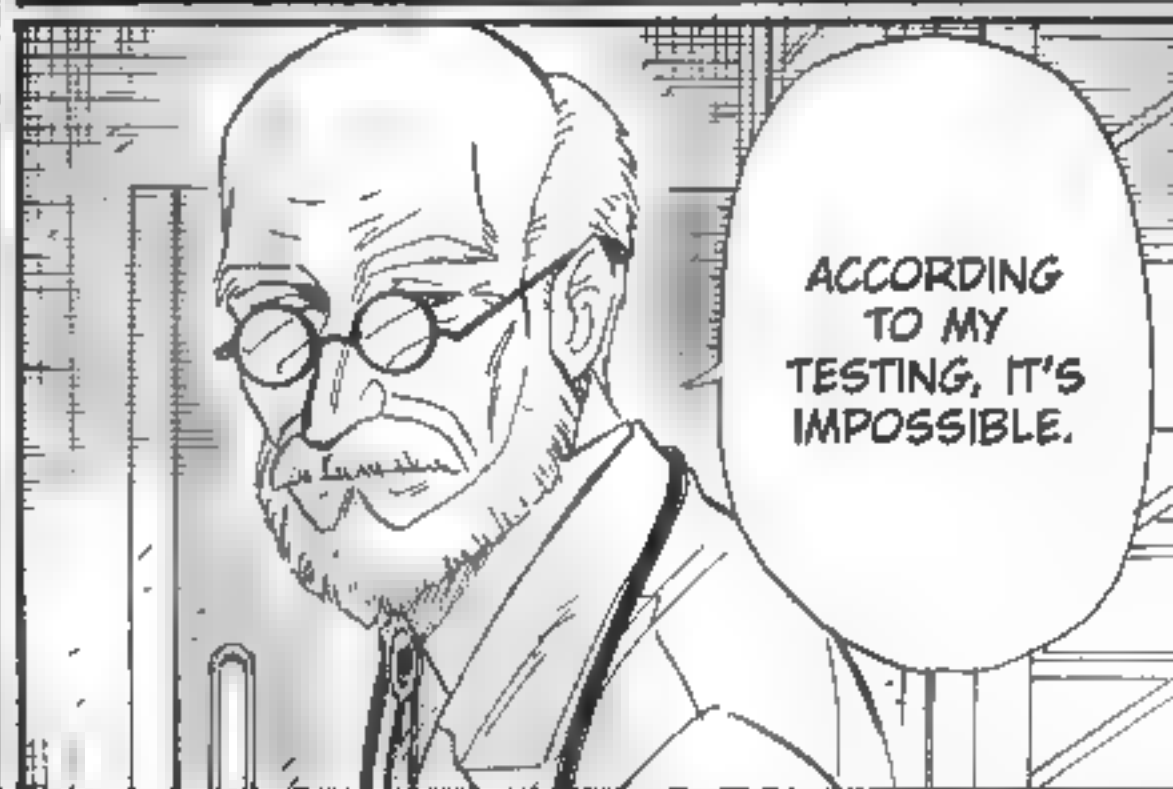
IS IT
POSSIBLE
FOR ME
TO HAVE A
BABY?





NO.

WHY? DO
YOU WANT
CHILDREN?



ACCORDING
TO MY
TESTING, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.



...COULD
I BE A
VESSEL?

... THEN ...

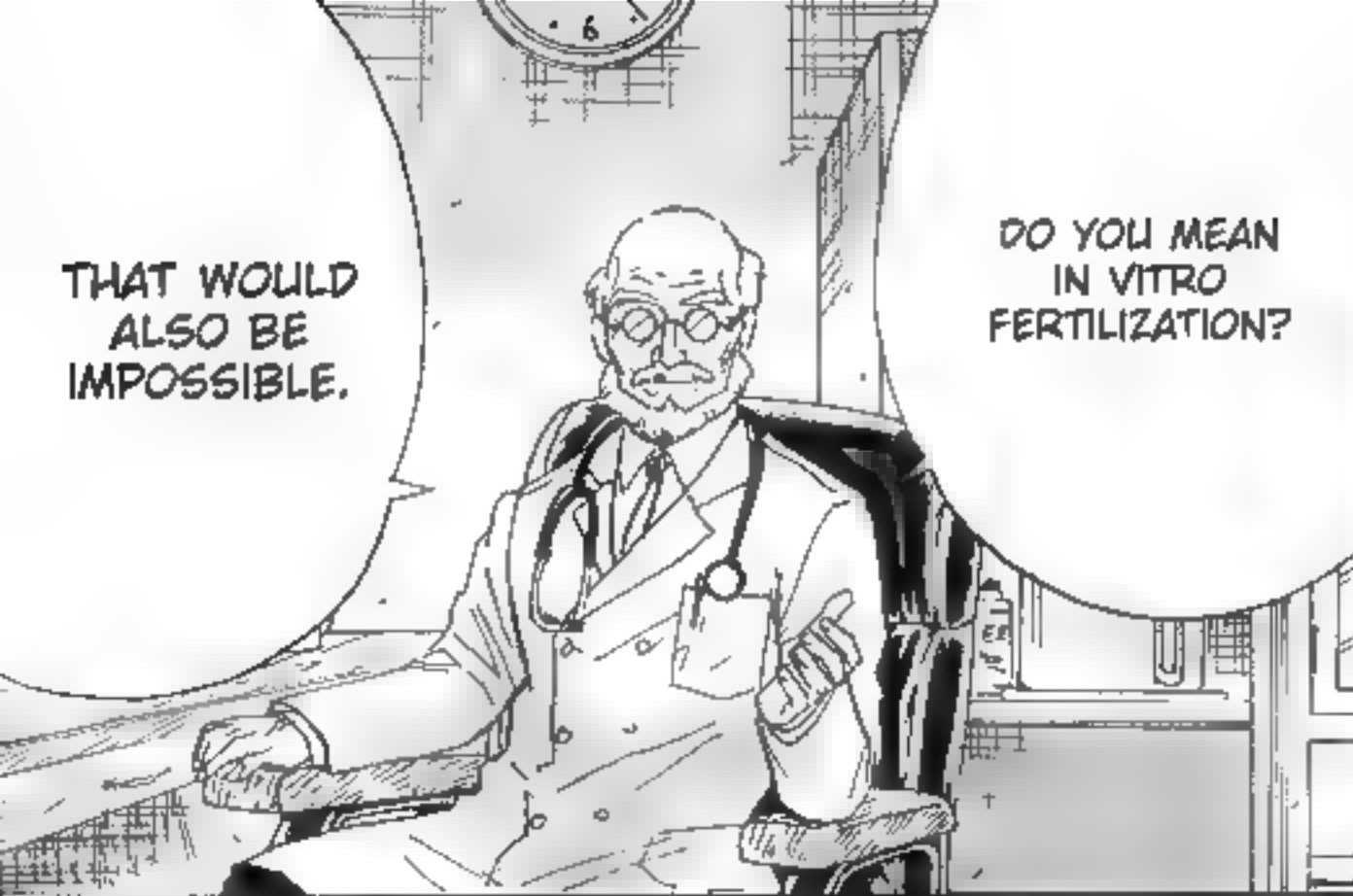


A
VESSEL
?



YOUR
BODY
MAY BE
INTERSEX,
WITH BOTH
FEMALE
AND MALE
GENITAL
ORGANS...

...BUT
NEITHER ARE
CAPABLE OF
REPRODUCTION.



THAT WOULD
ALSO BE
IMPOSSIBLE.

DO YOU MEAN
IN VITRO
FERTILIZATION?



WHEW...

THE
EMBRYO
WOULDN'T
TAKE.



THERE'S NO
REASON TO
FIXATE ON
ZIRCONIANS.

I ALREADY HAVE
A VESSEL WITH
WHICH TO CREATE
AN ORTHODOX
CLONE, DON'T I?



HEH
HEH

YOU'RE
STILL
STALWARTLY
OPPOSED
TO THE
GENE TERRA
PROJECT, I
SEE.



YES.

WAS THAT
YOUR ONLY
QUESTION?

IS THIS
RELATED
TO GENE
TERRA?

WELL...
IF I HAD
TO SAY
ONE WAY
OR THE
OTHER, I
SUPPOSE
IT IS.

THEY'RE
SAYIN'
MIYUKI'S
HEEERE?
AIN'T IT
AWFUL
EARLY FOR
THAAAT?

I'M
SLEEPY
AS ALL
HEEECK!





HE HAS
BEEN
FROM THE
START!

WHAT,
THAT'S
ALL?

HOW THE
DOCTOR IS
ANTI-GENE
TERRA.



THEY WERE
DISCUSSING
THAT ON TV
THE OTHER
DAY, YES.

BUT DOC,
IT COULD BE
USED FOR
MEDICAL
TREATMENTS
TOO,
Y'KNOW?



...WHAT
WERE Y'ALL
YAKKIN'
ABOUT?

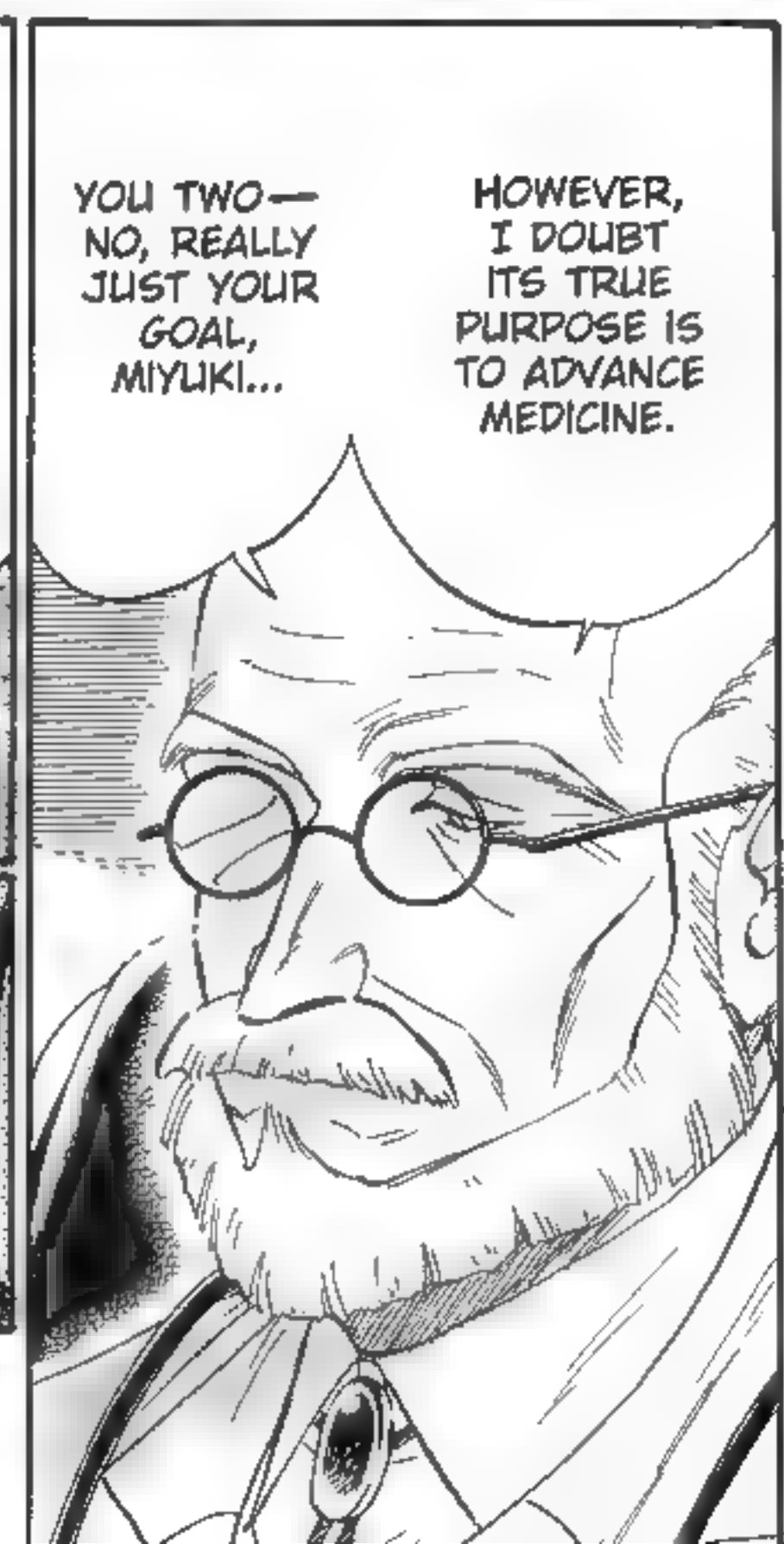
ANYHOW...



...IS
REVENGE
ON
HEBINUMA...



HEH!



YOU TWO—
NO, REALLY
JUST YOUR
GOAL,
MIYUKI...

HOWEVER,
I DOUBT
ITS TRUE
PURPOSE IS
TO ADVANCE
MEDICINE.

...BUT YOU
HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
GOING ALONG
WITH HIS
WISHES, DO
YOU?



I WON'T
INPUT THE
MEMORIES.



THAT
MAN WISHES
FOR THE
RESTORATION
OF HIS DEAD
SON.



HE BELIEVES
IT CAN BE
ACHIEVED IF
WE USE GENE
TERRA, WHICH
CAN RESTORE
MEMORIES.

...THE
LOWER
HE'LL SINK
INTO HELL,
I'M SURE.



THE
HIGHER
HIS
HOPES
...

HOW WILL
YOU PREPARE
A CLONE WITH
THE CHILD'S
APPEARANCE
FROM THAT
TIME? WILL YOU
WAIT FOR ONE
TO GROW?

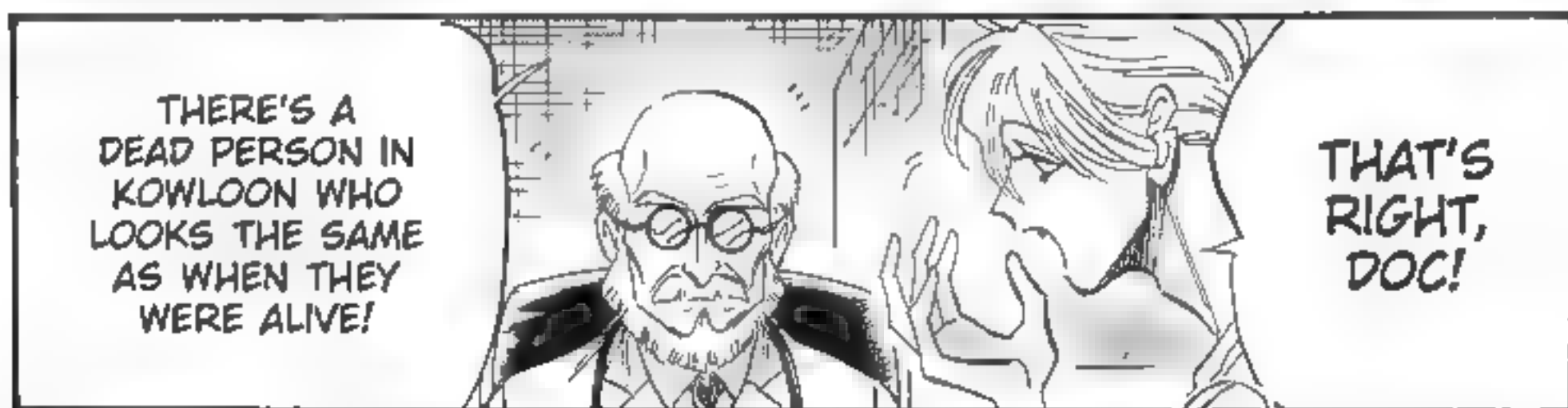
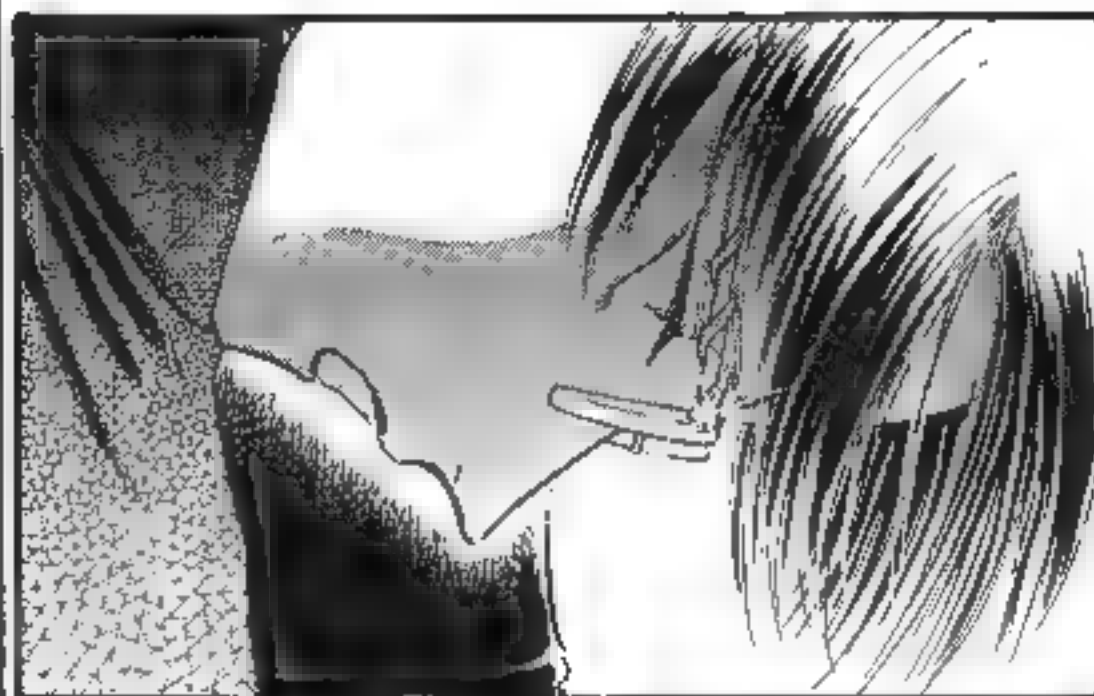
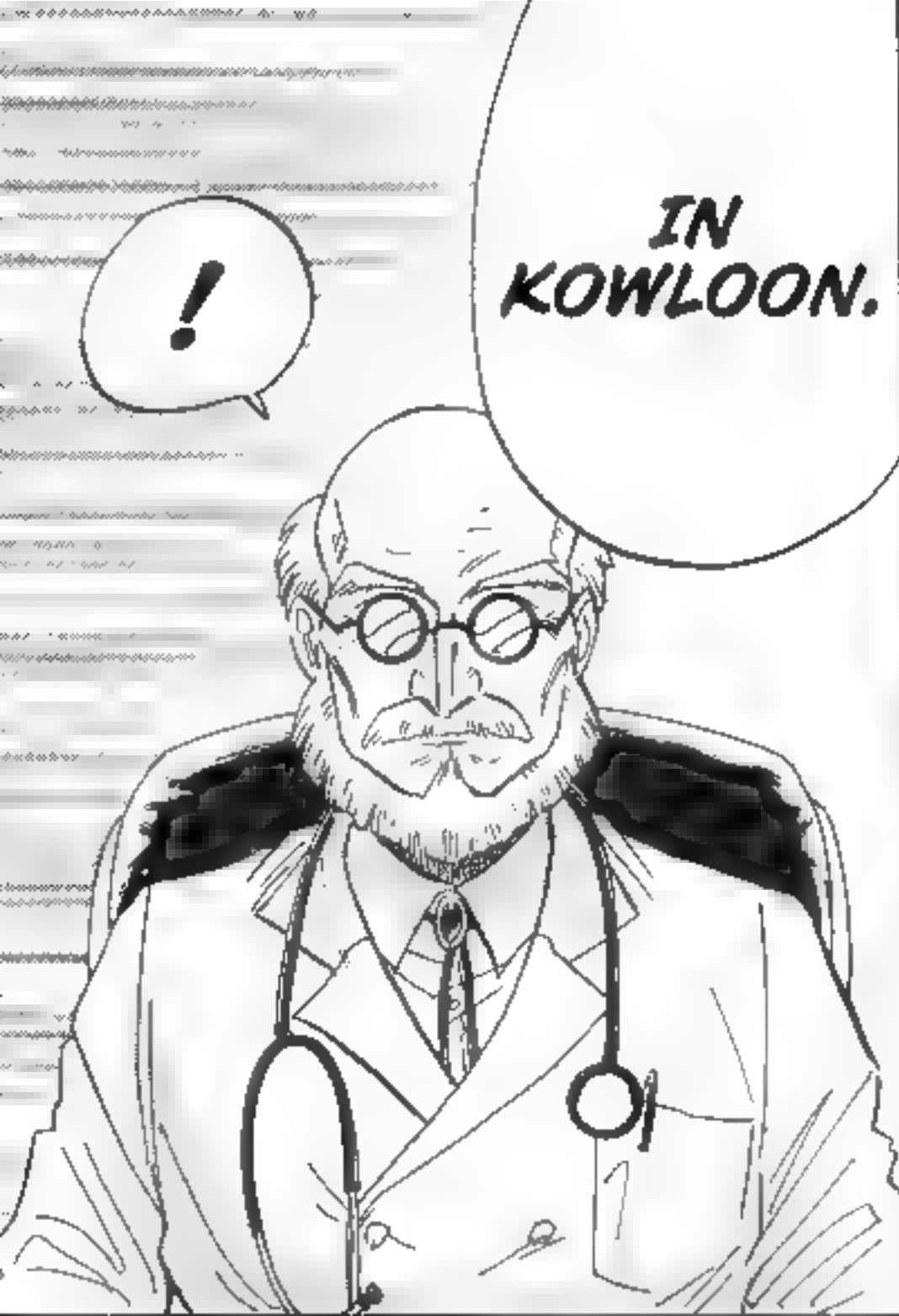
YA GOT A
REAL GREAT
PERSONALITY
THERE, DON'T
YAAA...BUT
IT SOUNDS
INTERESTIN', SO
I'M NOT MAKIN'
A FUSS.



THAT MAN'S
BELOVED SON
WILL BE THE
SAME AS ON
THE DAY HE
LOST HIM IN
APPEARANCE,
VOICE, AND
EVEN BODY
TEMPERATURE...

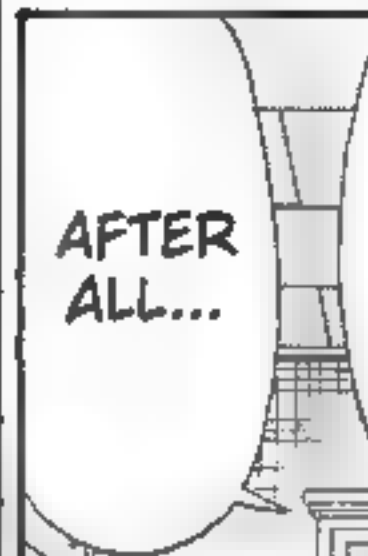


...BUT
WITHOUT THE
MEMORIES.

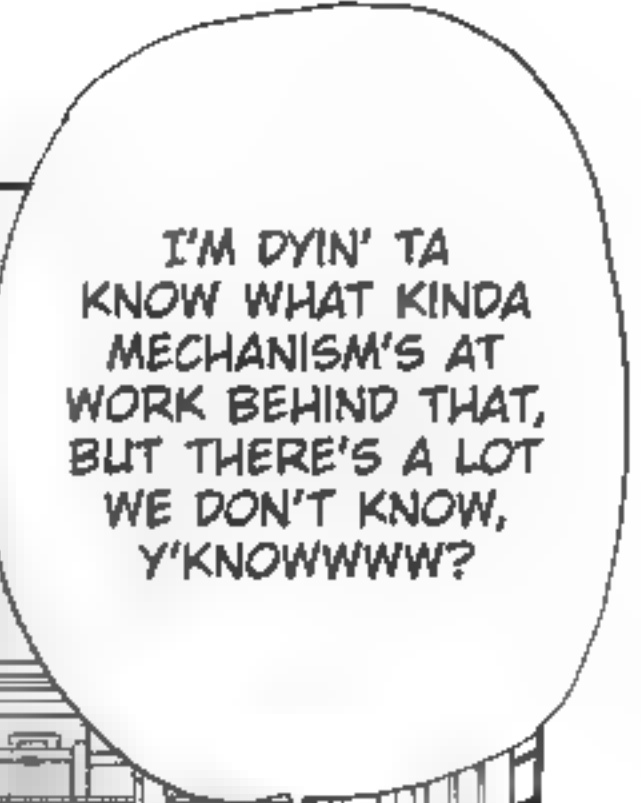




...THERE ARE
FOLKS WHO
CAN SEE THE
REPLICATED
KOWLOON AND
FOLKS WHO
CAN'T.



AFTER
ALL...



I'M DYIN' TA
KNOW WHAT KINDA
MECHANISM'S AT
WORK BEHIND THAT,
BUT THERE'S A LOT
WE DON'T KNOW,
Y'KNOWWWW?



HOW
AGGRAVATIN'!

WHY
NOOOT?
I LOVED
KOWLOON
TOOOO!

I CAN'T
SEE IT!



HOW
SHOULD
I
KNOW?

HOW COME YOU
GET TO SEE IT,
MIYUKI!? IT
AIN'T FAIR!!!



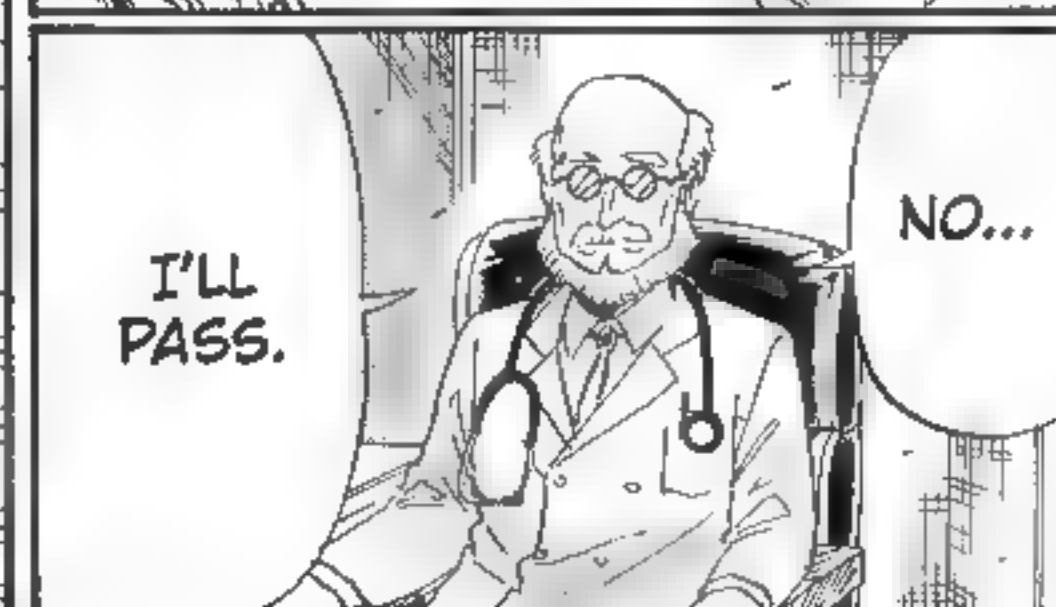
WE WERE
BOTH BORN
AN' RAISED
IN KOWLOON,
YET THERE'S
SOME
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
US.

THERE'S
GOTTA BE
SOME OTHER
CONDITION.
NOT THAT I'D
KNOW.



YEP,
YOU
GOT
IT.

SO IT ISN'T
THAT ANYONE
FAMILIAR WITH
KOWLOON CAN
SEE IT?



I AM
TRULY
GRATEFUL
TO YOU...

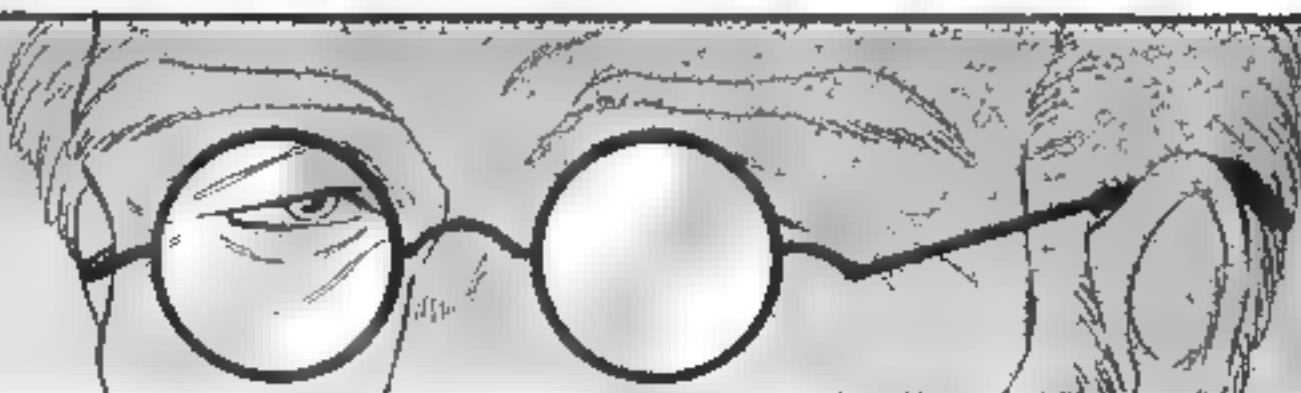
BESIDES,
AFTER SHE
PASSED, YOU
TOOK CARE
OF ME IN HER
PLACE.

IF MY MOTHER
IS PART OF
THAT, THEN
YOUR GUILT IS
UNFOUNDED.

DOCTOR.

YOU
AREN'T TO
BLAME AT
ALL.

MY
MOTHER
ALWAYS
HAD A
WEAK
CONSTITUTION.



I CAN'T
APPROVE
OF YOU
LIVING FOR
REVENGE.

HA-HA...
ALL
RIGHT.

AT THE
ORPHANAGE,
I GOT IN TROUBLE
FOR BEIN'
NAUGHTY ALL
THE TIME

YOU'RE
LIKE A
DAD TO
ME TOO,
DOCTOR

IN THAT
CASE, I
HAVE ONE
THING TO
SAY TO
YOU.



SCARY!
LOL



GRIN GRIN

OH? NOW
WHERE HAVE
I HEARD THAT
BEFOOOORE?

...BUT
I DON'T
WANT YOUR
THIRST FOR
REVENGE
TO BECOME
YOUR WHOLE
LIFE.

I UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU CAN'T
FORGIVE THAT
MAN...



I'VE
NEVER
SPOKEN
OF THIS
BEFORE,
BUT...



MY BODY
CAN'T BE CALLED
COMPLETELY
MALE OR FEMALE.
I CAN'T LEAVE
BEHIND OFFSPRING.
AND MY LIFE WAS
STOLEN FROM ME
BY HEBINUMA—
EVEN MY
HOMETOWN OF
KOWLOON.

...FOR MY
ENTIRE
LIFE, I'VE
NEVER FELT
ANYTHING
"ABSOLUTE"
ABOUT
MYSELF.





AT THIS
RATE, I'LL
NEVER KNOW
WHAT IN THE
WORLD I
WAS BORN
FOR.

I...

WHAT-
EVER
MY
GENDER,
I...



MIYUKI.

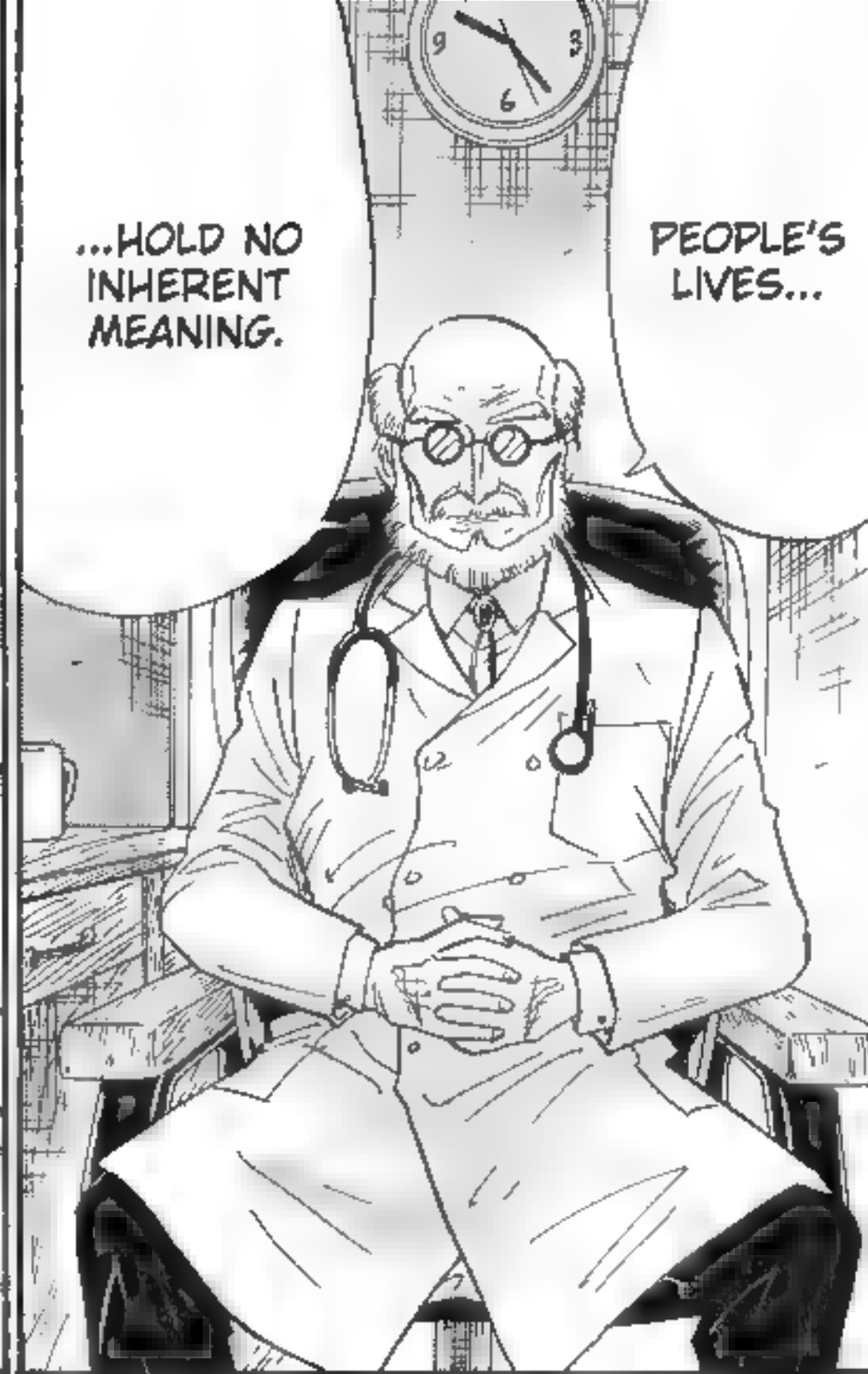


...WANT
MY LIFE
TO HAVE
MEANING...



WHAT
THEY DO
HAVE IS A
REASON...

...AND
WHAT YOU
CHOOSE
AS YOUR
REASON
FOR LIVING
IS UP TO
YOU.



...HOLD NO
INHERENT
MEANING.

PEOPLE'S
LIVES...



...BUT IF
THAT'S
THE CASE,
CHOOSING
REVENGE
IS A POOR
DECISION,
NO?

YOU
INDICATE
THAT YOU
BELIEVE YOU
HAVE NO
PURPOSE...



IT'S THE
ONE CHOICE
I'VE
MADE FOR
MYSELF...
MY WAY OF
LIFE.

...THEN
REVENGE
IS MY
REASON
TO LIVE.




I HAVE THINGS I CAN'T FORGIVE TOO. EVEN AT MY AGE.

I WON'T TELL YOU TO LET GO OF YOUR ANGER.



REVENGE PROVIDES A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY.



...TO LIVE WITH THIS ANGER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?

ARE YOU TELLING ME...



MIYUKI ...

WILL ACHIEVING IT CHANGE YOUR LIFE SOMEHOW?

HOWEVER, WHAT COMES AFTER YOUR REVENGE?



...DON'T FILL YOUR LIFE WITH ANGER ALONE.

MIYUKI,
LET'S GIT
UPSTAIRS
AN' TALK
ABOUT GENE
TERRAAA.

CLAP
ほい

OKAY!
THE DOC'S
GIVEN
US SOME
GREEEAT
THINGS
TO THINK
ABOOOUT.

I'M TAKIN'
ANOTHER
DONUT!

SKRT

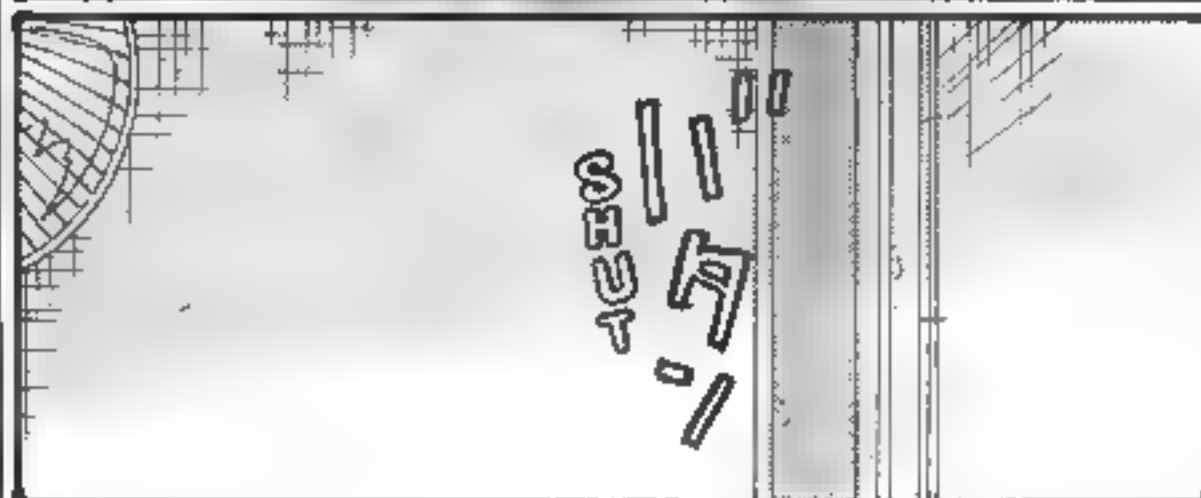
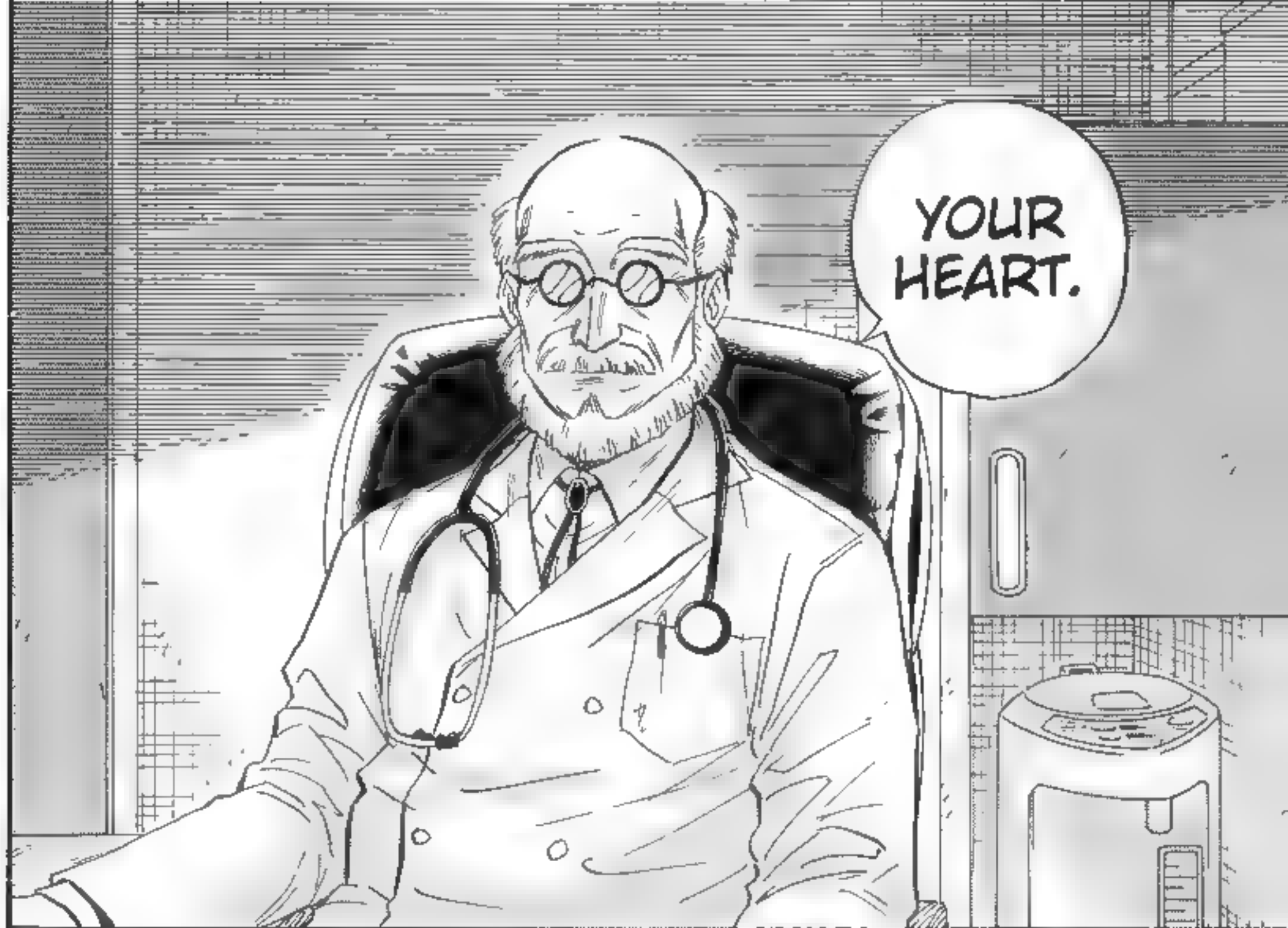
RIGHT.
DOCTOR,
REGARDING
WHAT YOU
SAID...WELL,
I CAN SEE
YOUR POINT.

THERE IS NO
SUCH THING AS
AN UNPRODUCTIVE
PERSON IN THIS
WORLD.

FOR
EXAM-
PLE?

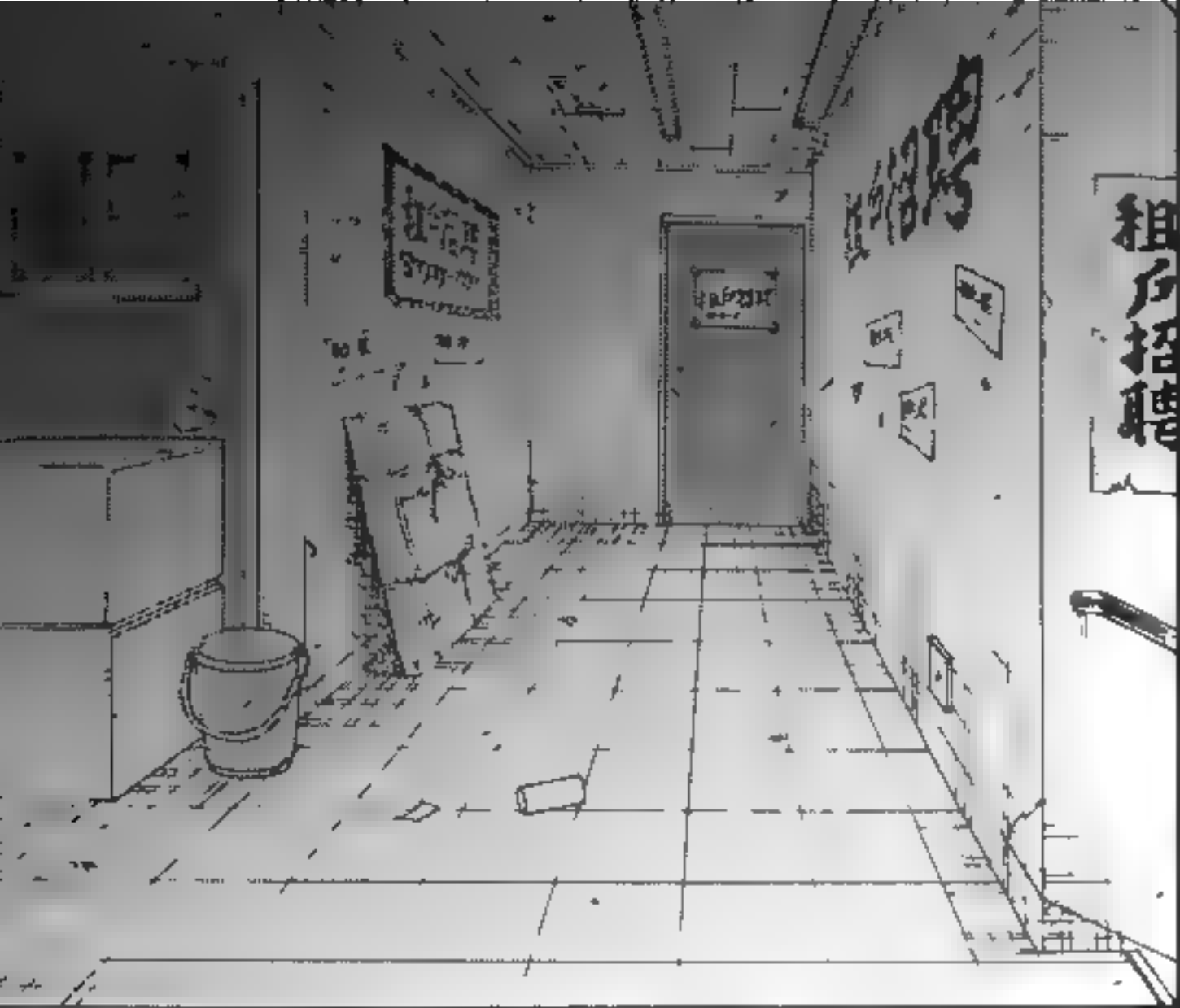
...ARE YOU
SUGGESTING
I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO OFFER?

OF
COURSE.



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SIGN: TENANTS WANTED



CHAPTER 50

YOU
OUGHT
TO GET IN
BETTER
SHAPE.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
IMPLY-
ING?

HAAH

HUUUH?
LOL.

SOMETHIN'
IN YER
PERSONAL
LIFE?

WHAT'S
WITH YOU?
YOU'RE
AWFUL
MANLY
TODAY.

JAR: PEANUT BUTTER

DID I
LISTEN TO IT?
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO LEFT
YER PHONE ON
DURING THE
WHOLE THING!

YA MADE ME
HEAR IT!

...YOU
LISTENED
TO OUR
CONVERSA-
TION?

THE WHOLE
"I DON'T
WANT YOU
LIVING FOR
REVENGE"
THING.

DIDN'T HE
TELL YA THE
SAME THING?
LOL.

ALSO,
BACK
THERE
WITH
THE
DOC...

ON THE PHONE
WITH YULONG

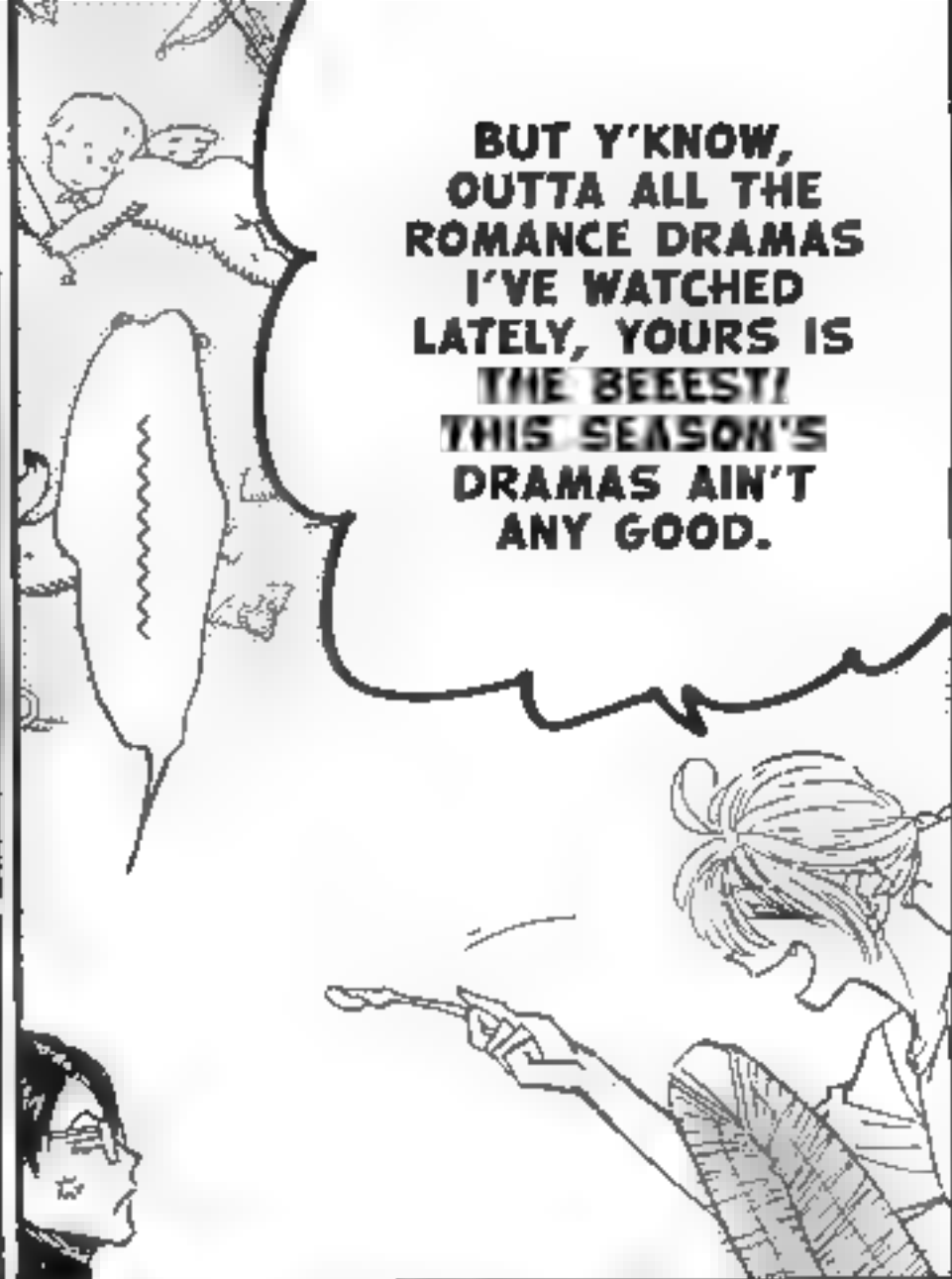
TWITCH
LO
A

YOUR EX,
I MEAN.
LOLOLOLO!

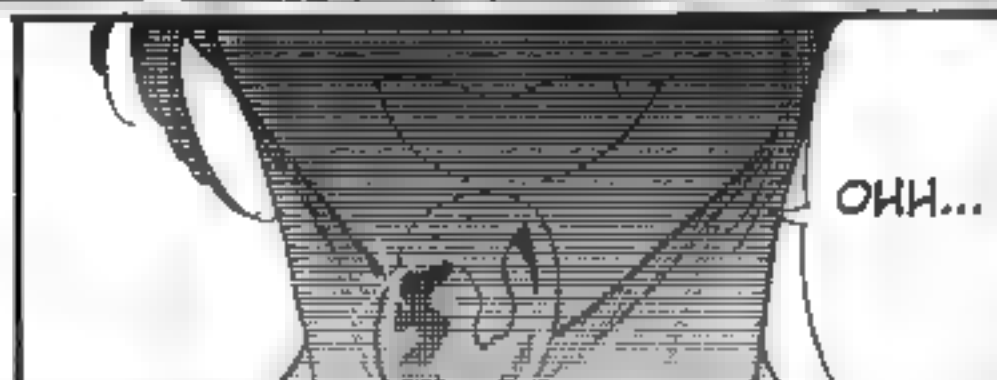


GIVE
ME YOUR
REPORT
ON GENE
TERRA.

ENOUGH
NONSENSE!



BUT Y'KNOW,
OUTTA ALL THE
ROMANCE DRAMAS
I'VE WATCHED
LATELY, YOURS IS
THE BEEEST!
THIS SEASON'S
DRAMAS AIN'T
ANY GOOD.

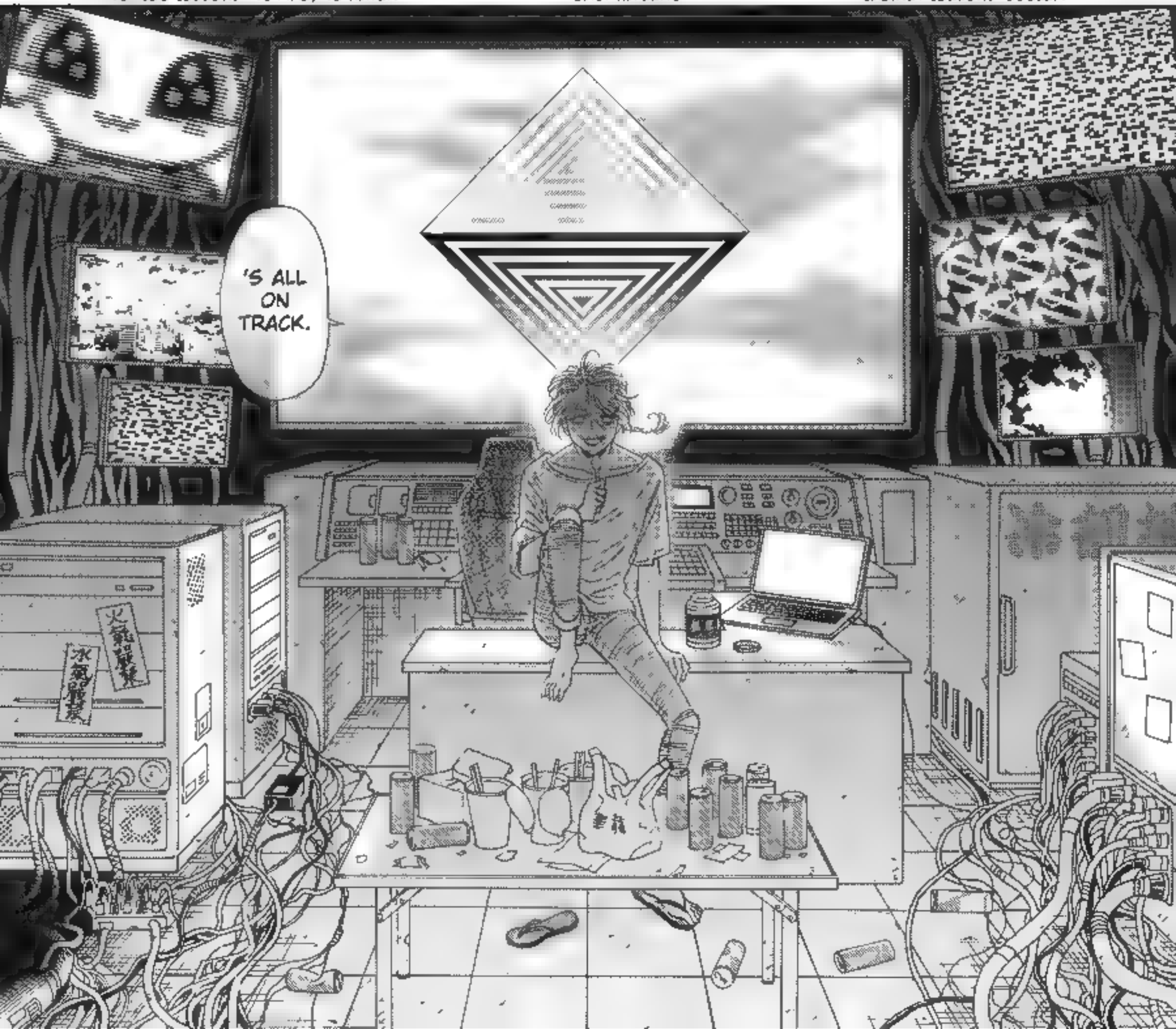


OHH...

NOTICES (BELOW): NO FIRE, NO WATER

BAG: WA LUNG

CABINET (BELOW): COOLER



'S ALL
ON
TRACK.

•COLLECTIVE
HALLUCINATION
•AUGMENTED
REALITY
•VIRTUAL REALITY
•MIXED REALITY...

THE ONLY
EXPLANATIONS
I CAN THINK
OF FOR SEEING
THINGS THAT
SHOULDN'T
EXIST WOULD
BE...

YOU'RE
TALKIN'
RESULTS.

IF WE CAN
FIGURE OUT
THE MECHANISM
BEHIND IT, CREATIN'
ZIRCONIANS WILL
BE EASY AS PIE
TOO. I'M DYIN' TO
KNOW.

BUT
KOWLOON'S
OUR
PRIORITY,
RIGHT?



YOU LEFT
KOWLOON
EARLIER THAN
ME, YET YOU
CAN SEE IT AND
I CAN'T. SO THE
LENGTH YA LIVED
THERE DOESN'T
MATTER.

THERE'S
A REASON
THE FOLKS
WHO SEE
IT CAN
SEE IT.

WHAT I
WANNA KNOW
IS WHAT'S
CAUSIN' THAT
PHENOMENON.
IF WE CAN
FIGURE OUT
THE ROOT
CAUSE, WE'LL
LEARN THE
METHOD TOO,
DON'CHA
THINK?

GWEN?
OHhh,
THE EX?
LOLOL.

TRUE. GWEN
ALSO LIVED IN
KOWLOON FOR
A SHORTER
TIME THAN ME,
AND HE COULD
SEE IT TOO.





MIYUKI,
DOES
IT FEEL
THAT
WAY
TO YOU
TOO?

WELL,
NOOOOW...
SO IT'S
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
KOWLOON
IN YER EX'S
MEMORIES...



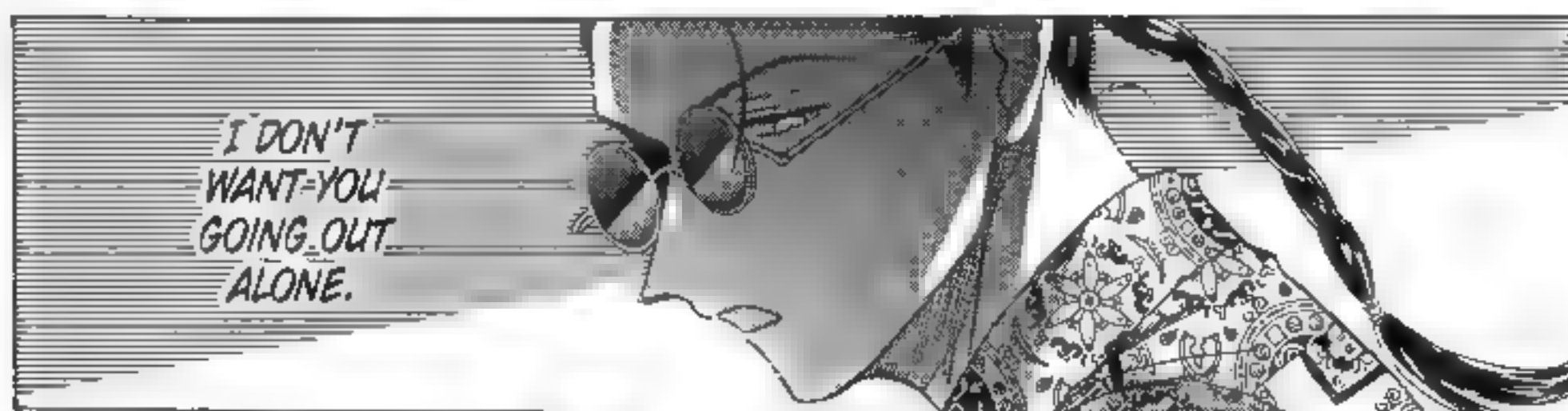
...HE SAYS HE LIVED
IN KOWLOON #2
UNTIL JUST BEFORE
IT WAS DEMOLISHED,
AND APPARENTLY THE
CURRENT KOWLOON'S
STRUCTURE DIFFERS
FROM THAT TIME IN
SOME WAYS.

THE OTHER
INTERESTING
THING IS...



YA TOOK
A LOOK
AROUND,
RIGHT?
LIKE IN THE
RED-LIGHT
DISTRICT?

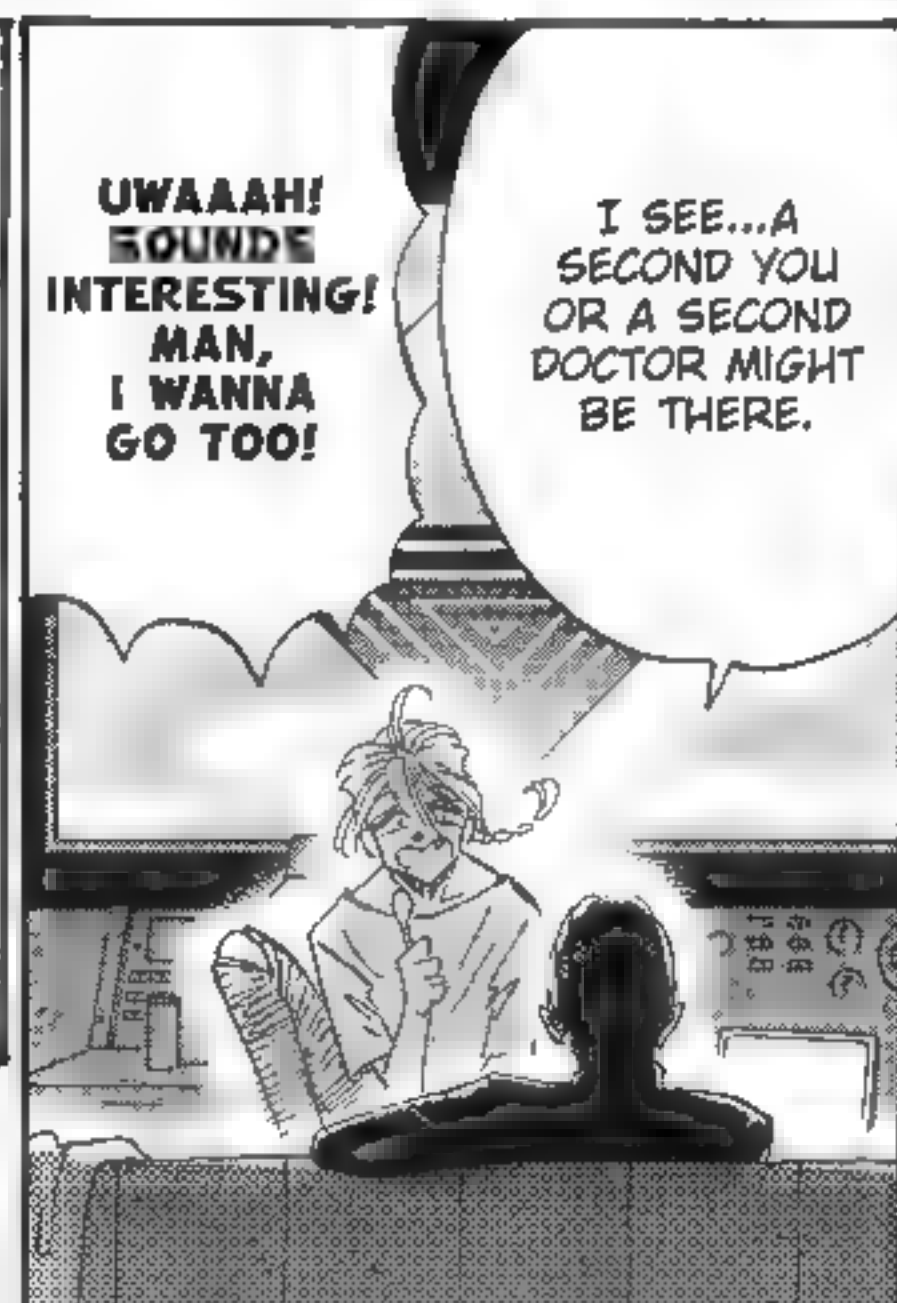
IN MY
MEMO-
RIES...?



I DON'T
WANT YOU
GOING OUT
ALONE.



OH.



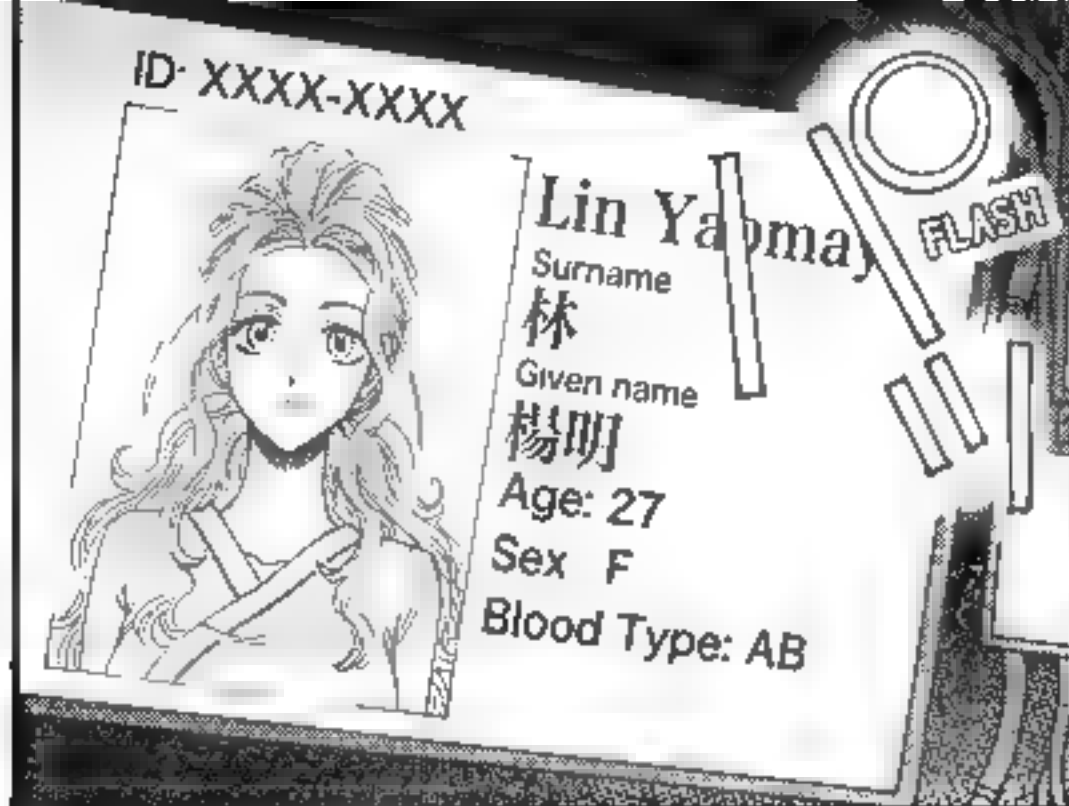
UWAAAH!
SOUNDE
INTERESTING!
MAN,
I WANNA
GO TOO!

I SEE...A
SECOND YOU
OR A SECOND
DOCTOR MIGHT
BE THERE.



WHAT
THE
HECK?

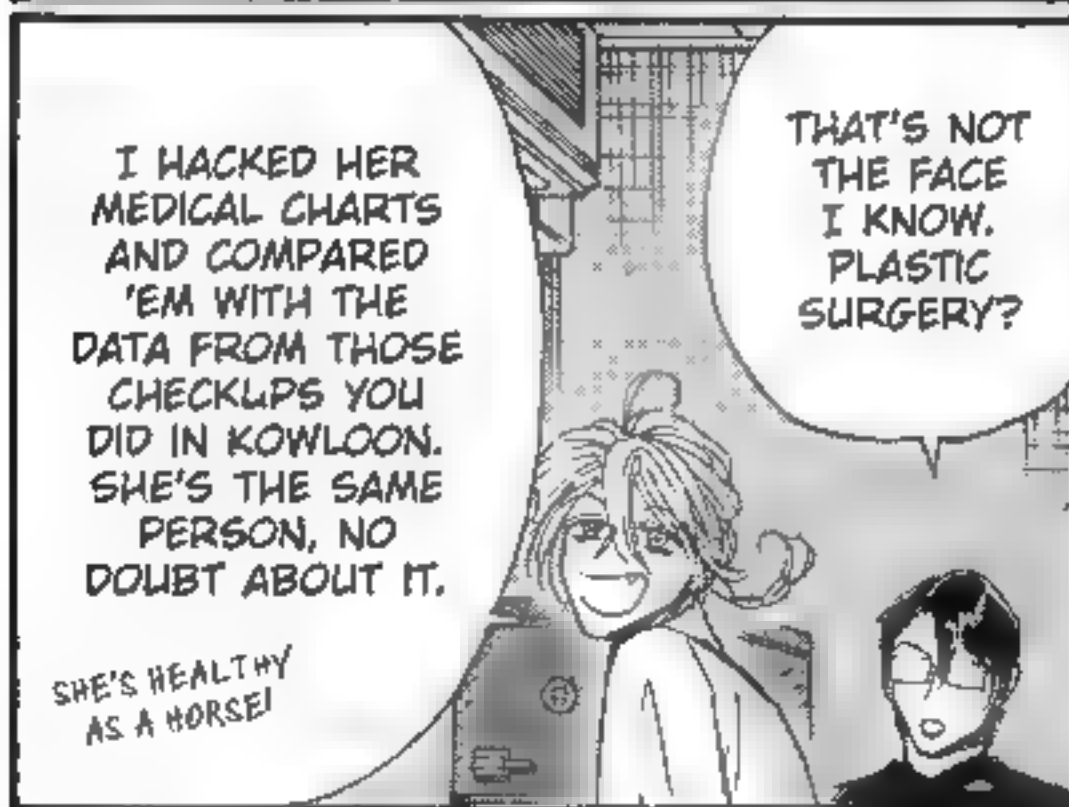
...I'LL
INVESTIGATE
THAT NEXT.



**YANGMING,
THE
DAUGHTER
OF THE
ACTRESS
YANG LI**

SOME-
ONE
FAMOUS
?

**THAT
REMINDS
ME! THERE'S
SOMEBODY
FAMOUS IN
KOWLOON!**



I HACKED HER
MEDICAL CHARTS
AND COMPARED
'EM WITH THE
DATA FROM THOSE
CHECKUPS YOU
DID IN KOWLOON.
SHE'S THE SAME
PERSON, NO
DOUBT ABOUT IT.

SHE'S HEALTHY
AS A HORSE!

THAT'S NOT
THE FACE
I KNOW.
PLASTIC
SURGERY?



THINK
SHE HAD
A MENTAL
BREAKDOWN
'COS HER
DAUGHTER
RAN
AWAY?

XX-XXXX

HER MA AIN'T
BEEN IN THE
PUBLIC EYE FER
A WHILE NOW
EITHER. IT'S BEEN
ALL RERUNS AND
RESCREENINGS.



MAYBE SHE
DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW ABOUT
KOWLOON TO
BEGIN WITH?
SHE SEEMED
GREEN AS
GRASS.

THE
DAUGHTER
RAN AWAY
TO **THAT**
KOWLOON?
WHO IN
THEIR RIGHT
MIND WOULD
CHOOSE
KOWLOON?



...DOES THAT
MEAN SHE'S A
REAL PERSON,
LIVING IN
KOWLOON?

IF SHE
PARTICIPATED
IN THOSE
CHECKUPS...

BUT
WHY
IN THE
WORLD
...?

THIS IS
GETTING
EVEN
MORE
UNCER-
TAIN.

STILL,
IF THAT'S TRUE,
THEN EVEN
PEOPLE TOTALLY
UNFAMILIAR WITH
KOWLOON CAN
SEE IT...?

FER REAL,
FER REAL!
WHO KNOWS
WHAT SHE'S
BEIN' FED?
LOLOLOL.

THAT'S
A STRONG
POSSIBILITY. IF
SHE DID KNOW,
I DOUBT SHE'D
EAT OR DRINK
THERE.

THE
SCOPE
OF THE
CONDITIONS
WENT AN'
WIDENED
ON US.

YA GOT
THAT
RIGHT...

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING
FENG SHUI?

YEP.

HONG KONG'S
A PLACE WITH
EXTREMELY
STRONG CHI
FLOW—AND
WITHIN HONG
KONG, KOWLOON'S
IN A SPECIAL
GRADE OF ITS
OWN.

WELL, IF
KOWLOON'S
GONNA BE THAT
WAY, WE GOTTA
WIDEN OUR
THINKING TOO.

IN OTHER
WORDS?



BUT SUCH
UNSCIENTIFIC
VIEWS ARE
NOTHING MORE
THAN OCCULT
NONSENSE.

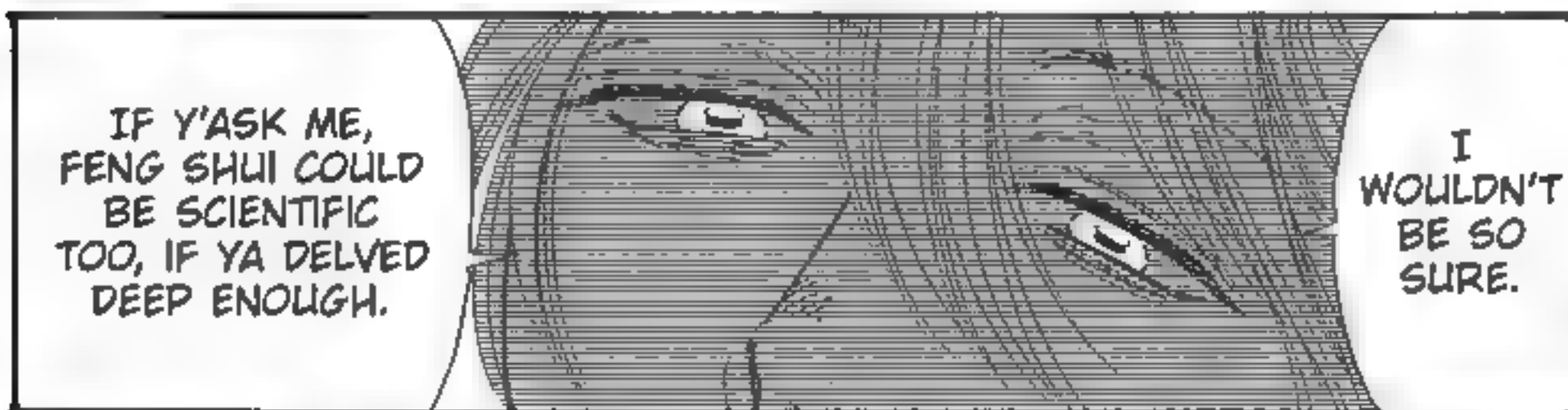
FRANKLY, MORE
THAN A FEW
ANTI-GENE-TERRA
OPPONENTS HAVE
EXPRESSED FEAR
THAT IT DISRUPTS
THE CHI FLOW.

HMPH.



WE WENT AN'
BUILT GENERIC
TERRA IN THE
SKIES OF HONG
KONG.

WOULDN'T BE
SO STRANGE
FOR IT TO HAVE
SOME KINDA
EFFECT.



IF Y'ASK ME,
FENG SHUI COULD
BE SCIENTIFIC
TOO, IF YA DELVED
DEEP ENOUGH.

I
WOULDN'T
BE SO
SURE.



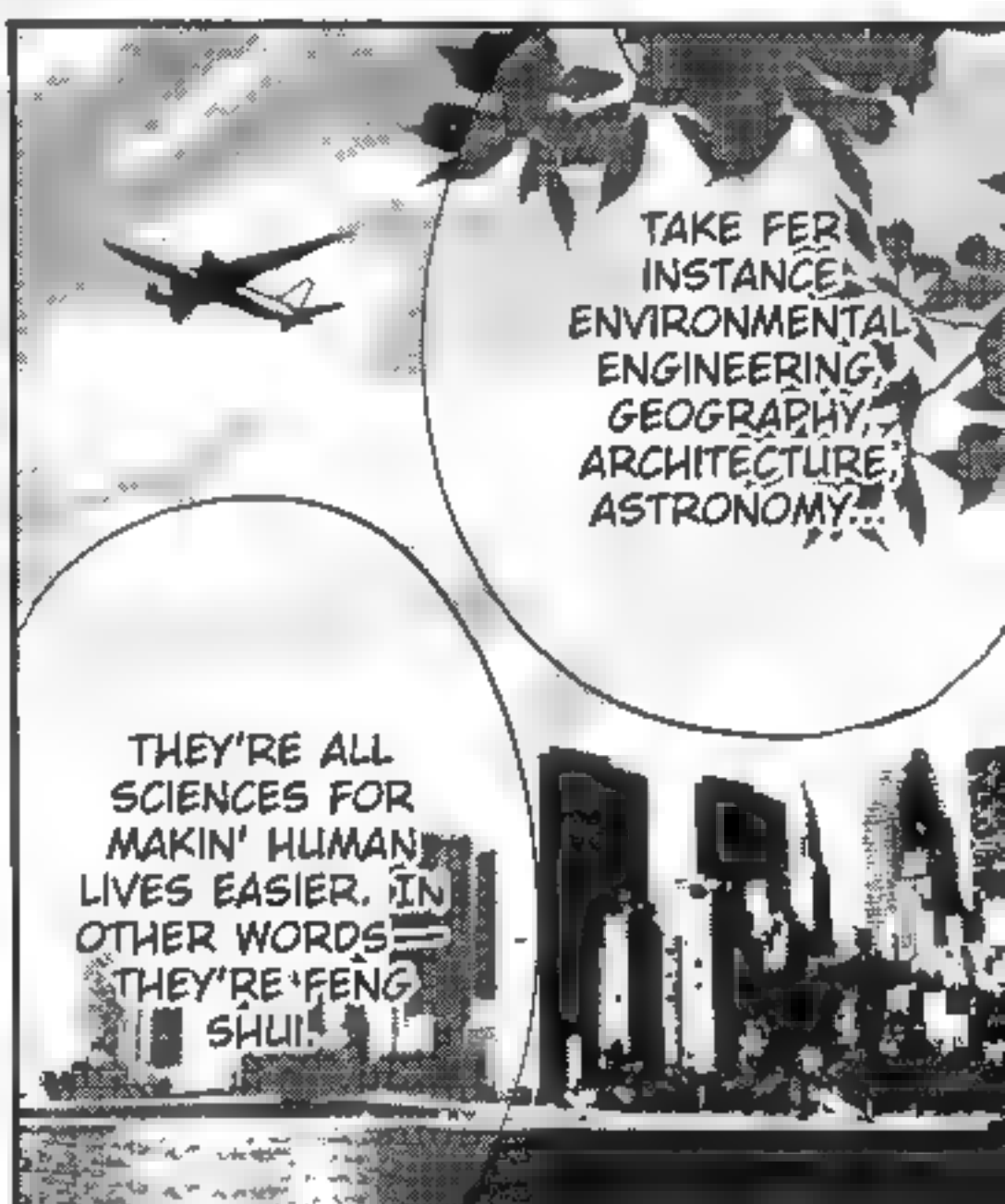
BI

GRIN
1=2

GO
ON.



.....



TAKE FER
INSTANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING,
GEOGRAPHY,
ARCHITECTURE,
ASTRONOMY...

THEY'RE ALL
SCIENCES FOR
MAKIN' HUMAN
LIVES EASIER. IN
OTHER WORDS—
THEY'RE 'FENG
SHUI.

AND
FURTHERMORE,
ONLY PEOPLE
WHO ALSO
RESONATED WITH
THAT SOMETHING
CAN SEE
KOWLOON.

GENE TERRA
DISRUPTED
THE CHI FLOW,
RESONATED WITH
SOMETHING,
AND CREATED
THE PHANTOM
KOWLOON #2.

HERE'S MY
THEORY.



SETTING ASIDE
KOWLOON'S
MANIFESTATION
FOR NOW...

...YOU THINK
THE REASON
SOME PEOPLE
CAN SEE IT IS
RESONANCE
TOO...?

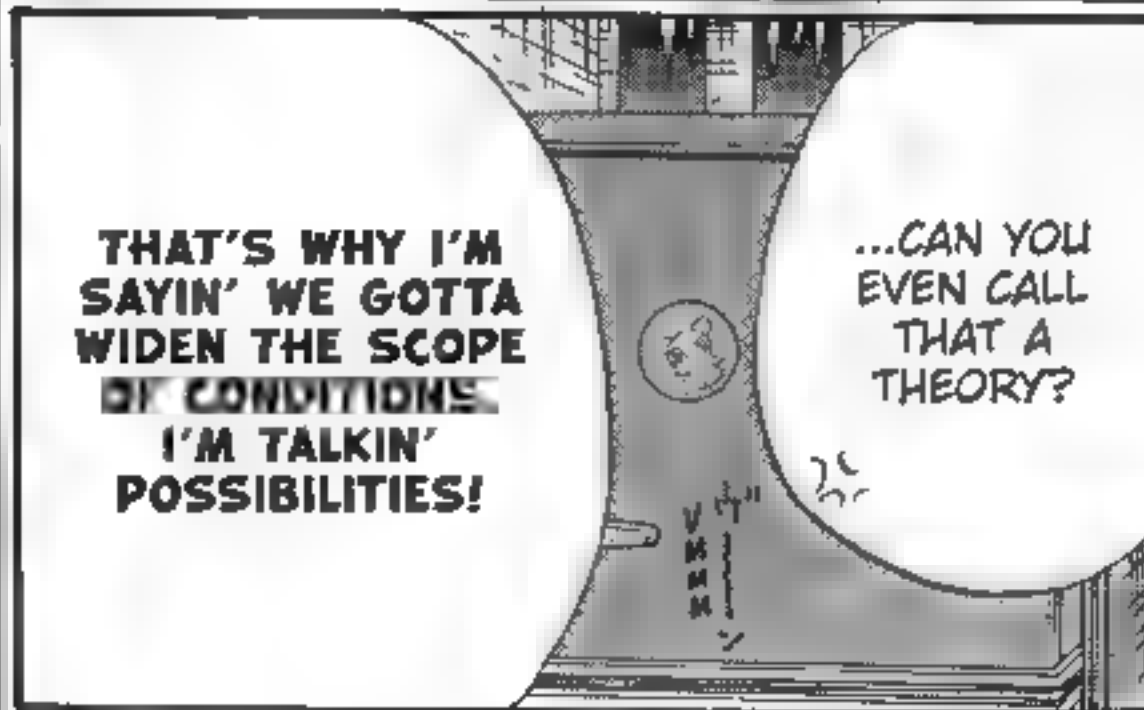


THAT
PART, I
DUNNO.

WHAT'S
THE
"SOME-
THING"?

THAT'S WHY I'M
SAYIN' WE GOTTA
WIDEN THE SCOPE
~~OF CONDITIONS~~
I'M TALKIN'
POSSIBILITIES!

...CAN YOU
EVEN CALL
THAT A
THEORY?





WHAT IN
THE WORLD
WOULD I
RESONATE
WITH?

SIGN: DO NOT OPEN

HECK
NO! LOL.
IT'D BE
SOMETHIN'
DEEPER
DOWN.



HEH!

...IT
DOESN'T
RING ANY
BELLS?

GET
TO THE
POINT.

AHHH...

EXCUSE
ME?

I SHOULD
HOPE YOU
AREN'T
TALKING
ABOUT
GWEN.

IRK

!!

!!

!!

!!

Bloo

YOU KNOW.
IT HAPPENS ALL
THE TIME WITH
MANGA AND MOVIE
REVIEWS—PEOPLE
WILL SAY, "THAT
AIN'T A CRITIQUE,
YOU'RE JUST SEEIN'
WHAT YA WANTED
TO SEE!" LOL.

HUMANS ARE
CREATURES
THAT SEE WHAT
THEY WANT TO
SEE.



...BUT
ARE YOU
SUGGESTING
IT'S THE
SAME FOR
KOWLOON?

...IN
RESPECT
TO GENE
TERRA,
YOU'RE
EXACTLY
RIGHT...

THAT I'M
SEEING
KOWLOON
BECAUSE I
WANT TO
SEE IT?



YA SAY
THINGS THAT
SOUND GOOD
AND GET FOLKS'
EXPECTATIONS
UP, AIMIN' FER
THE HERD
MENTALITY THAT
"GENE TERRA
IS A GOOD
THING."

EVEN YER
GENE TERRA
BUSINESS
TAKES
ADVANTAGE
OF THAT.

AND YA
CREATE A
FRIENDLY
PERSONA
TA WIN THE
PUBLIC'S
HEARTS
TOO





YA
WOULDN'T
BE LOOKIN'
TO SEE
A PLACE
YA DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW
ABOUT.

PLUS,
SOMEBODY
WHO PROBABLY
DOESN'T KNOW
KOWLOON IS
ABLE TO SEE
IT TOO.



...SINCE I
WANNA SEE
IT BUT CAN'T,
UNFORTUNATELY
THAT RULES OUT
THE "SEEING IT
BECAUSE YOU
WANT TO SEE
IT" THEORY.

WELP,
THAT'S
THE IDEA,
BUT...



KOWLOON
ITSELF IS NOT
A CONDITION
COMMON TO
THE PEOPLE
WHO CAN SEE
IT...?



YEP.

KOWLOON APPEARED
IN RESONANCE WITH
SOMETHING, BUT WE
DON'T KNOW WHAT IT
RESONATED WITH?

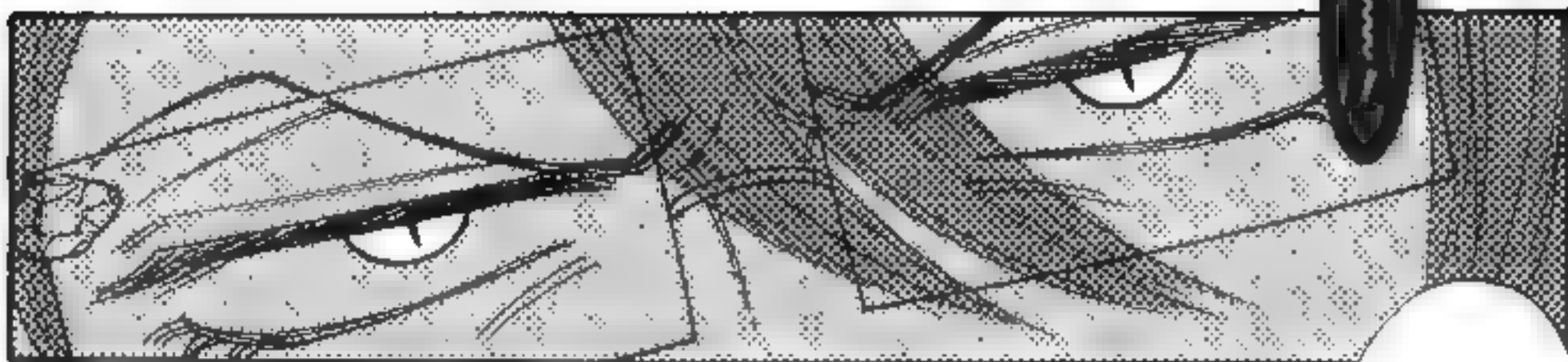


YEP.

AND WHAT'S
MORE, THERE ARE
PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO
RESONATED WITH
THAT, BUT WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT THAT
IS EITHER?



HEH
HEH...



I'LL
INVESTIGATE
MORE.



...I'M
PARTIALLY
TO BLAME
FOR THAT
TOO.

WHAT'D YA
EXPECT? WE
DON'T GOT
ENOUGH DATA,
PLAIN AN'
SIMPLE.



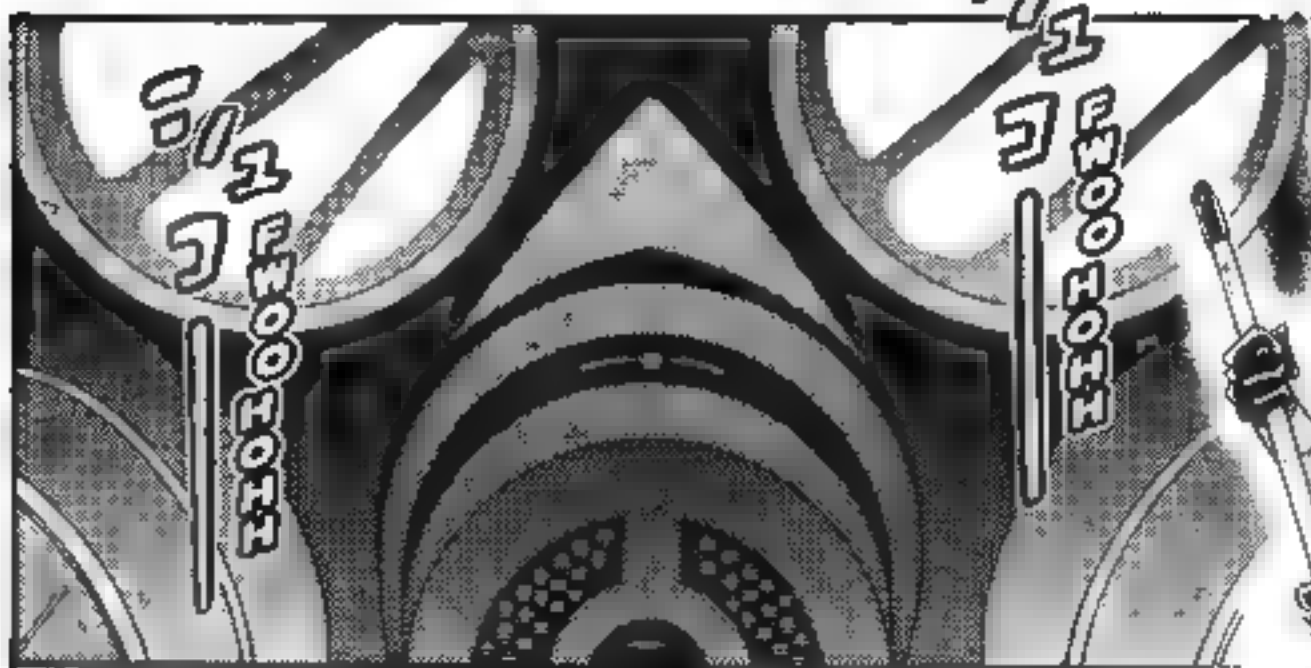
I'M
LEAVING.



YOU'RE
LEAVIN'
BY THE
BACK?

YES





ON
YOUR
WAY
OUT?



THANKS
FOR YER
HARD
WORRRK!
CAN YA
CLEAN
MY ROOM
TOOOO?

DOCTOR
WONG
STEPPED
OUT FOR
LUNCH.



YEP, I
RECRUITED
HIM FROM
THAT KIND OF
COMMUNITY.
IT'S SAFE.

THAT
RECEPTION
MAN. CAN
HE BE
TRUSTED?



AS
LONG AS
HEBINUMA
DOESN'T
DISCOVER
THIS PLACE,
THAT'S
ALL THAT
MATTERS
TO ME.

HE'S A
PRETTY
INTERESTIN'
GUY—SHOWS
UP WEARIN'
ALL KINDSA
DIFFERENT
OUTFITS.
APPARENTLY
TODAY'S
THEME IS
STEAMPUNK,
LOL.





THE DOC'S
PRECIOUS
TA ME TOO.
I'LL KEEP
'IM SAFE
AN' SOUND,
PROMIISE!!

YOU
JUST
LEAVE IT
T'MEEE!



IF ANYTHING
HAPPENED TO
THE DOCTOR, I
WOULD...



WELL,
YEAH, IT'S A
SIGN. IT'S
S'POSED TA
BE BRIGHT!



...
HUH?

THE
EMERGENCY
EXIT LIGHT IS
UNUSUALLY
POLISHED.

DIFFER-
ENT...

WATCH
FER THINGS
THAT ARE
DIFFERENT.

STARTIN'
FROM THERE
OUGHTA
HELP US SEE
VARIOUS
THINGS.

SHUT
UP.

WHATCHA
THINKIN'
ABOUT?
YR EYE?

...I'M
COUNTIN'
ON YA
FOR NEW
DATA ON
KOWLOON.

WELL,
SORRY
TO BUG
YA WHILE
YOU'RE
HEART-
BROKEN,
BUT...

I AM
NO
SUCH
THING.

OH,
AND NEXT
TIME,
BRING
SUPER-
SPICY
CHICKEN.
♡

I KNOW,
I
KNOOOOW!

FIX THAT
EXTREME
PALATE OF
YOURS.

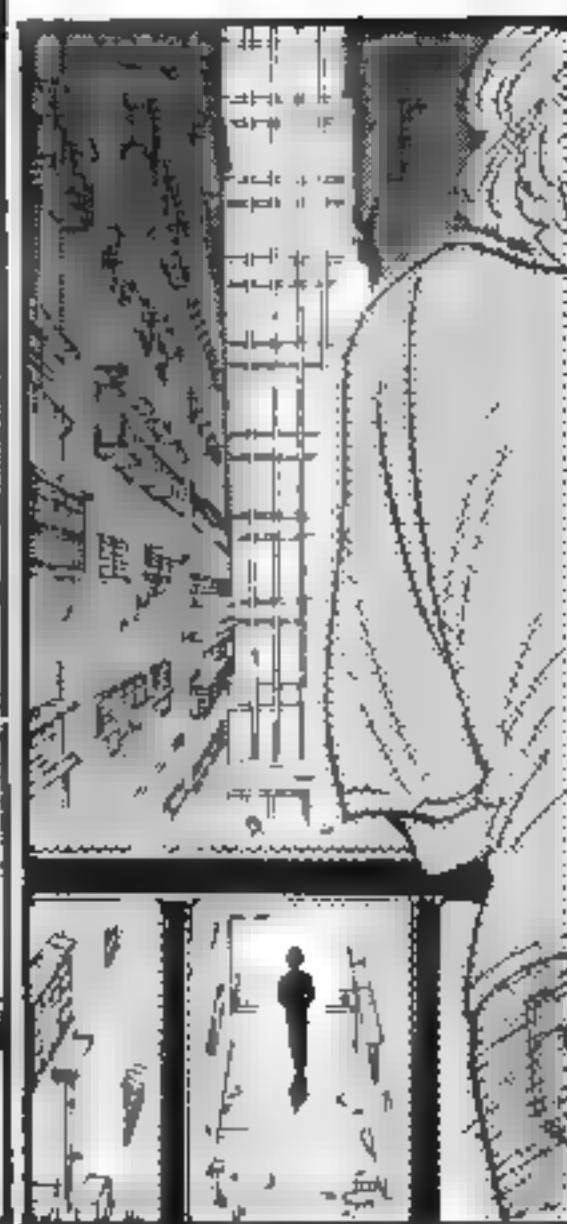
...YOU BE
CAREFUL
TOO. TAKE
CARE OF
THE DOCTOR
FOR ME.

WELL...



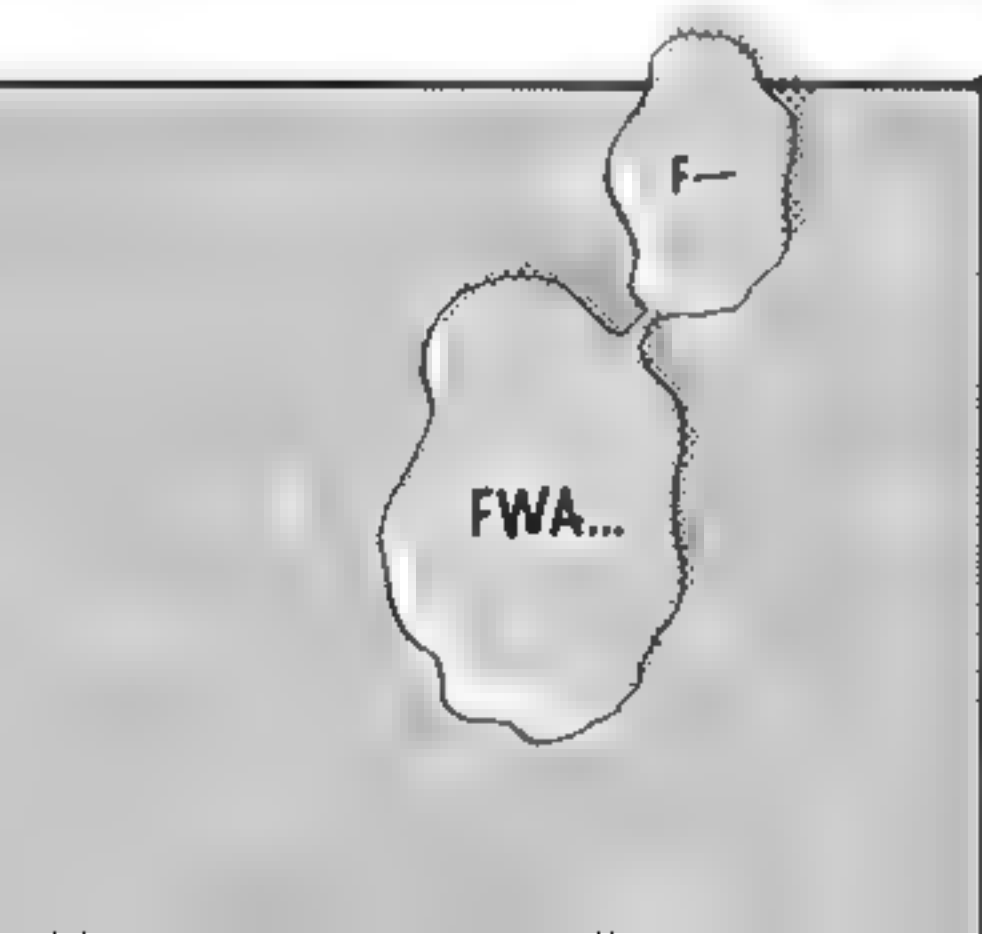
...MIYUKI.

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
NEEDS T'BE
CAREFUL...



DIF-
FERENT
THINGS,
HMM...?

TK
TK
TK



FWA...



DON'T GET
SWALLOWED
UP BY
KOWLOON,
NOW.



**F
W
A
C
H
O
O
!**



WHY,
YOU...

SOMEONE
MUST BE
GOSSIPING
ABOUT
GORILLAS.

**B
W
A
C
H
O
O
!**

OH?
YOU COMIN'
DOWN WITH
A COLD?
THEN AGAIN,
THEY SAY
IDIOTS DON'T
CATCH COLDS.
THAT MEANS
SOMEBODY'S
TALKIN'
ABOUT Y—



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HEYA.
HOW
WAS THE
SUSHI
JOINT?

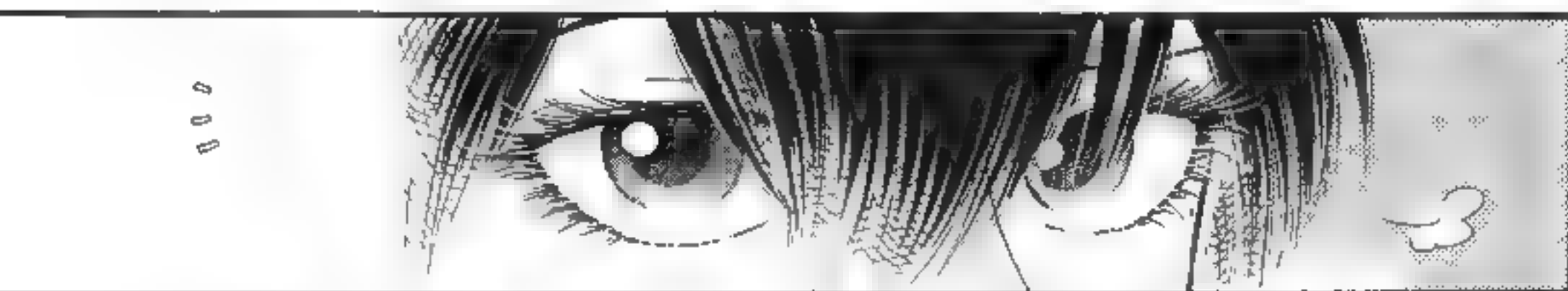


I'M
BAAACK...



HAGYA
HA
HA!
THE
CLASSIC
OVER-
SEAS
EXPERI-
ENCE!

THEY
PUT ROAST
PORK ON
TOP OF
VINEGARED
RICE.
YAO MAY WAS
THRILLED, BUT



AH
HA
HA...

HE'S BECOME
A REGULAR
MEMBER EVER
SINCE OLD
MR. CHAN
DISAPPEARED.



IS MR.
LEE AT
MAHJONG
AGAIN?

YEAH.



CHANGIN'
THE WATER
WOULD BE
A PAIN.



I GUESS
IT'S MORE
LIKE..

YEAH,
BUT...



...I WISH WE
COULD GIVE
THIS LITTLE
GUY A BIGGER
TANK.

IT'S BEEN
ON MY
MIND FOR
SUCCESS
TOO, BUT...




...I WANT TO
SEE GOLDFISH
GLIDING
UNHINDERED
THROUGH THE
OPEN SEA.



LIVIN' INSIDE A TANK IS THE SAFEST PLACE THEY CAN BE.

THEY'RE FINE.



FRESHWATER FISH CAN'T SURVIVE IN THE OCEAN!

SAY WHAAAT?



IT'S A **METAPHOR** FOR WANTING TO MOVE THEM SOMEWHERE SPACIOUS!

I KNOW THAT!




I GET THE FEELING ALL THE FOREIGN CUISINE IN KOWLOON IS A BIT CHINESE-IFIED TO SOME EXTENT...

HAAH...I WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT SUSHI TOO. WHAT A LETDOWN.



KUJIRAI.



MAYBE YOU CAN ONLY EXPERIENCE THE REAL THING IN ITS HOMELAND AFTER ALL...





THE
ENTIRE
WORLD
!?

REALLY
!?



I'LL TAKE
YOU TO A
JOINT WHERE
YOU CAN EAT
SPECIALTIES
FROM ALL
OVER THE
WORLD
WITHOUT
LEAVIN'
KOWLOON.



GRIN

KOWLOON
HAS A
PLACE LIKE
THAT?

SIGNS: DRAGON RESTAURANT, TEAHOUSE

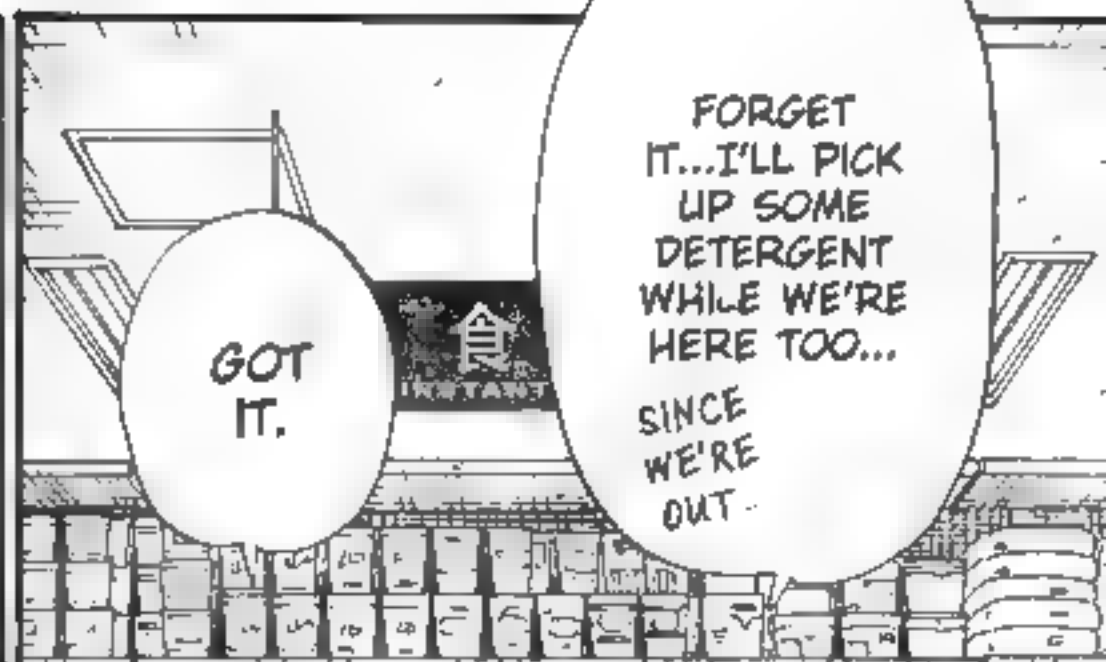


BY "FROM
ALL OVER
THE WORLD"...
DID YOU
JUST MEAN
CUPMEN!?

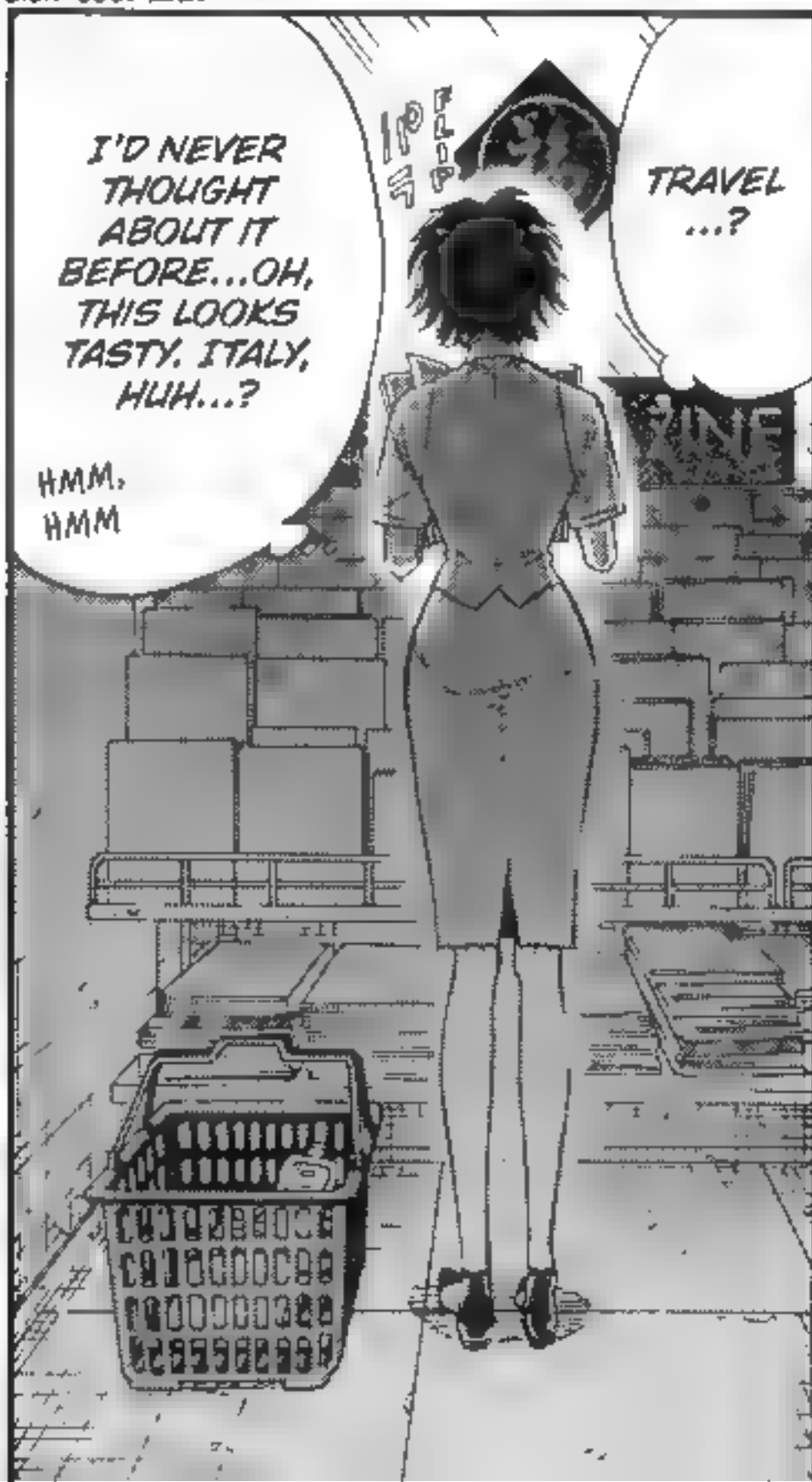


...MR.
KUDOU.

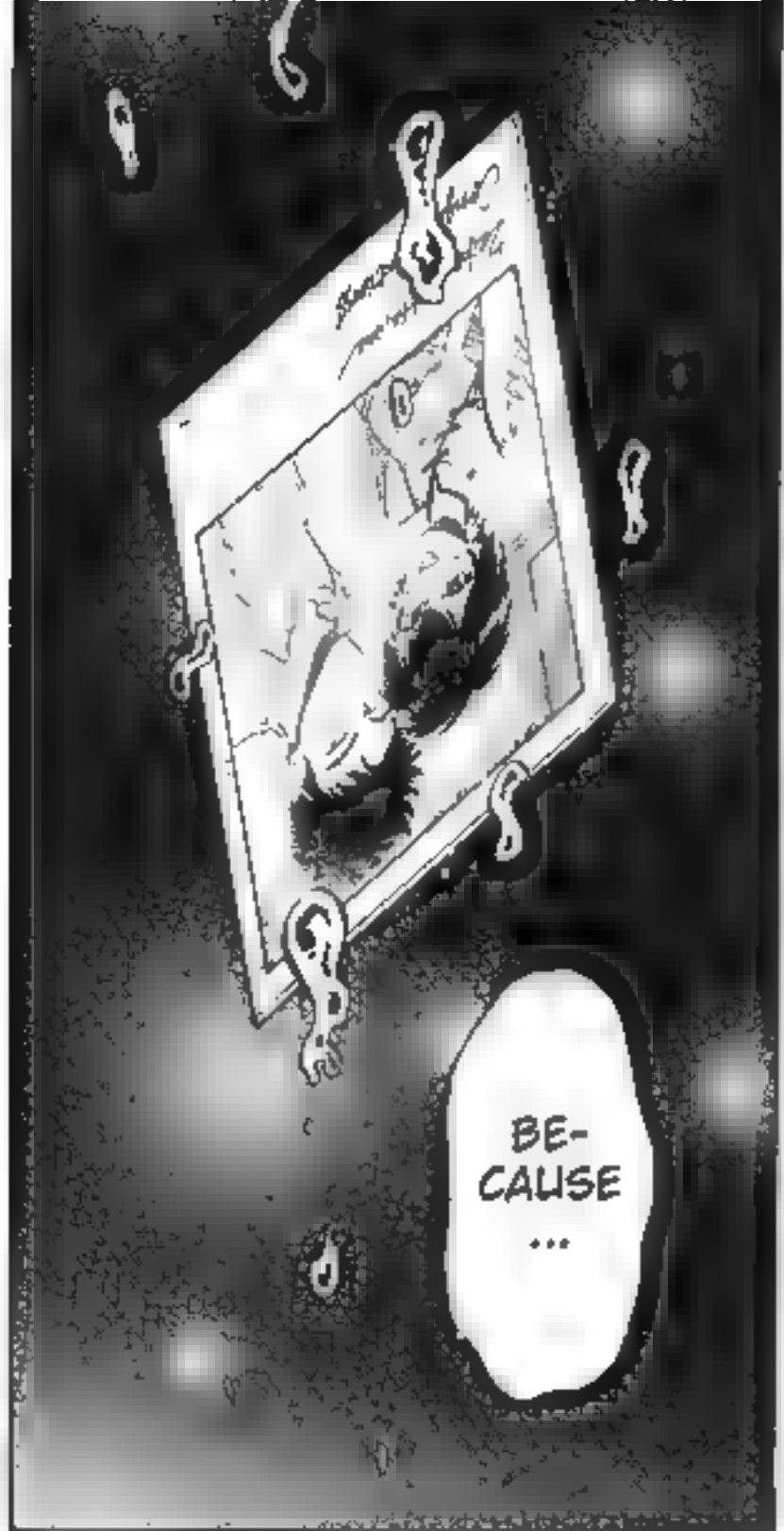




SIGN: GOOD LUCK







BE-
CAUSE
...

TO SEE ALL
THE DIFFERENT
SCENERY AND
FOOD AND SO
ON...

KOWLOON IS
ALL I KNOW.
I'D LIKE TO
TRY VISITING
ALL SORTS
OF PLACES.

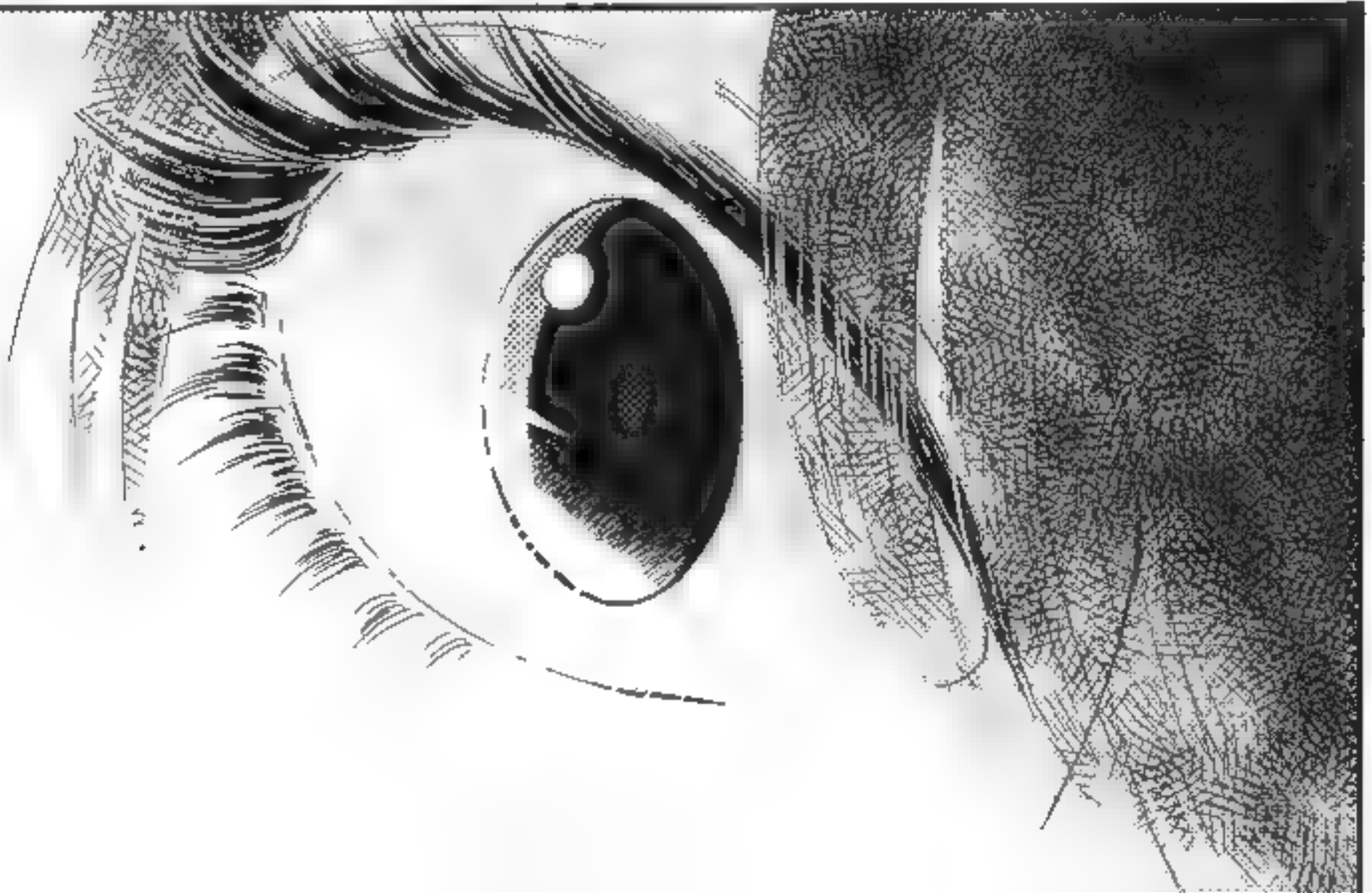
HUH?
WHAT'RE
YOU—

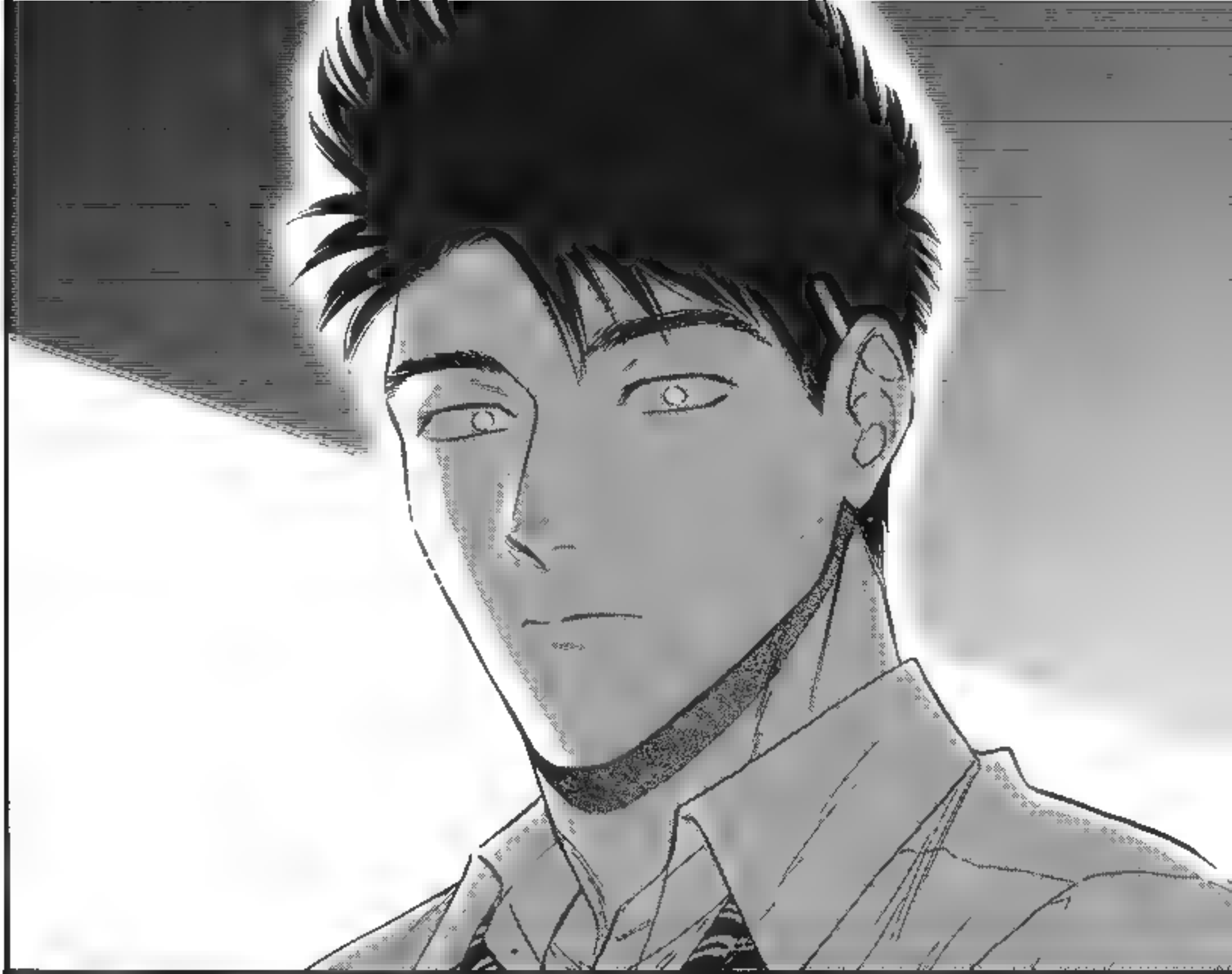
BE-
CAUSE
...

...MAYBE
I COULD
EVEN LIVE
THERE.

AND IF
I TAKE
A REAL
LIKING
TO A
PLACE...

...LATELY,
MR. KUDOU,
I'VE BEEN
WONDERING
IF IT WOULD
BE BETTER IF
I WASN'T BY
YOUR SIDE.





I HAVE THE
SAME FACE
AS YOUR LATE
FIANCÉE. WITH
ME ALWAYS
NEARBY...



I MEAN,
DON'T YOU
AGREE?



OH
NO. IT
WON'T
STOP.

...I DOUBT
YOU'LL EVER
FEEL AT
EASE, MR.
KUDOU...





DON'T
GO ANY-
WHERE.





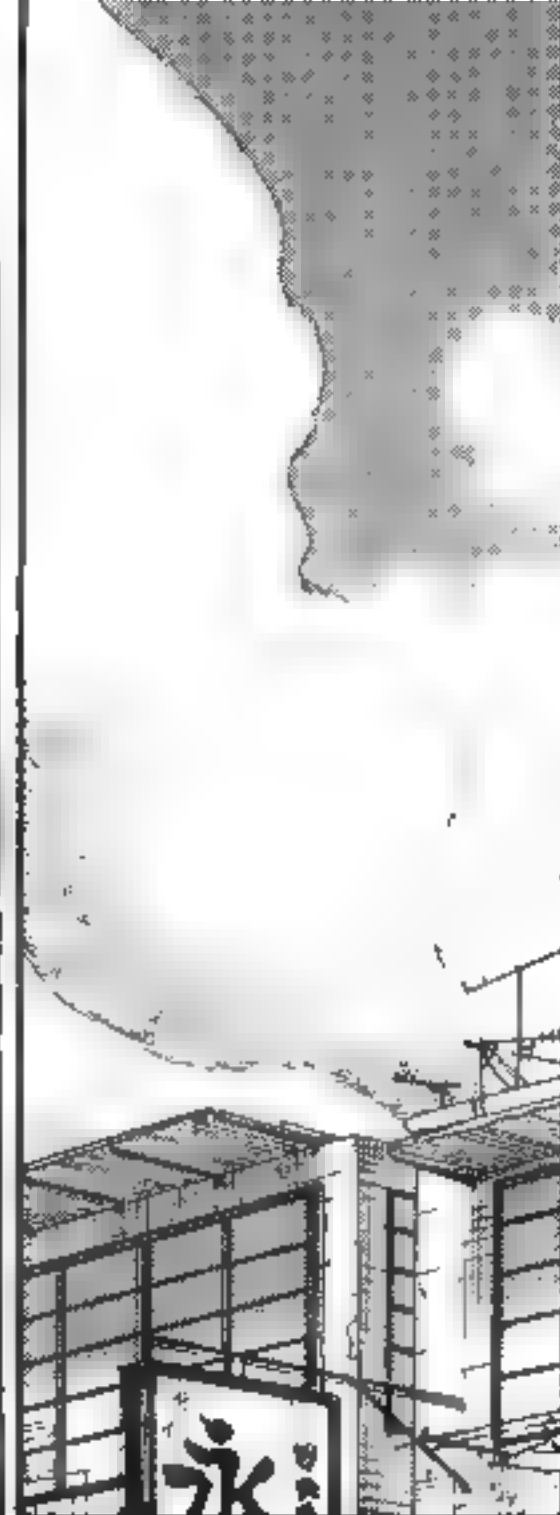


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Tweek & Hajime



MR. KUDOU
WENT TO
HAVE A
LOOK AT THE
SCENE.





さあ
MURMUR

IT
MIGHT
COL-
LAPSE
MORE
!!

DON'T
GET TOO
CLOSE!

さあ
MURMUR



さあ
MURMUR

WAS
ANYBODY
CAUGHT
IN THE
COL-
LAPSE!?

GET
WATER
READY!
IT'LL BE
BAD IF
A FIRE
STARTS!!



GET
BACK!
GET
BACK!
IT'S
DAN-
GER-
OUS!

WAAH!
WAAH!
WAAH!

WAAH!
WAAH!
WAAH!



THIS WAY!
THIS
WAAAY!

HEEEY! BE
CAREFUUUU!



GWEN?

THEY CLOSED
THE SCENE OF
THE COLLAPSE TO
THE PUBLIC TO
REDUCE THE RISK
OF SECONDARY
ACCIDENTS.

ALL
RIGHT.

Mr. Lee
is asking
around about
the other
residents
too. It sounds
like there
haven't been
any victims
reported for
the time
being.

Everyone
in the
properties
we handle
is safe and
accounted
for.

Be
care-
ful.

I'LL
BE BACK
AFTER
I LOOK
AROUND
A LITTLE
MORE.

Call in Progress
Reiko Kujirai

MR.
KUDOU...

YEAH!

YOU'RE
THE REAL
YOU...
RIGHT?

WHOO

YOU'RE
THE *REAL*
YOU TOO,
RIGHT?

WA-HA-HA!!
IT'S GREAT TO
SEE YOU, GWEN!
HOW MANY
YEARS HAS IT
BEEN?

MR.
KUDOU
!!

GRAB

COME ON,
YA BIG
LINK,
ARE YOU
CRYIIN'?

*YES,
I AM!*



EVER
SINCE
THAT DAY,
I'VE...

OF
COURSE
I AM...!



...SORRY
I UP AND
DISAPPEARED
ON YOU
WITHOUT A
WORD BACK
THEN.

WELL...



SNRF!



I'M REALLY
GLAD I GET
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN NOW.

...NO...



I DON'T
KNOW
EITHER...

...YOU
CAN SAY
THAT
AGAIN.



IT'S
ALMOST
LIKE
HAVING
A BAD
DREAM!

MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY!
WHAT
IS THIS
KOW-
LOON!?



I'M NOT
LEAVING.



NO...



LET'S GET
OUT OF THIS
CREEPY
PLACE, AND
FAST!



WERE
YOU SUR-
PRISED?
ME TOO!

OH YEAH,
YOU DID
MEET HER,
DIDN'T
YOU!



SO
THERE'S
NO
REASON
FOR YOU
TO STAY
HERE, IS
THERE...?

I DID, BUT
SHE WAS
PRACTICALLY
A DIFFERENT
PERSON
FROM MS.
REIKO.



IS
THAT...

...BECAUSE
"REIKO
KUJIRAI" IS
HERE?

YEAH,
YOU'VE GOT
ME THERE.
HA-HA-HA...

SCRATCH
!!

AHH,
WELL...

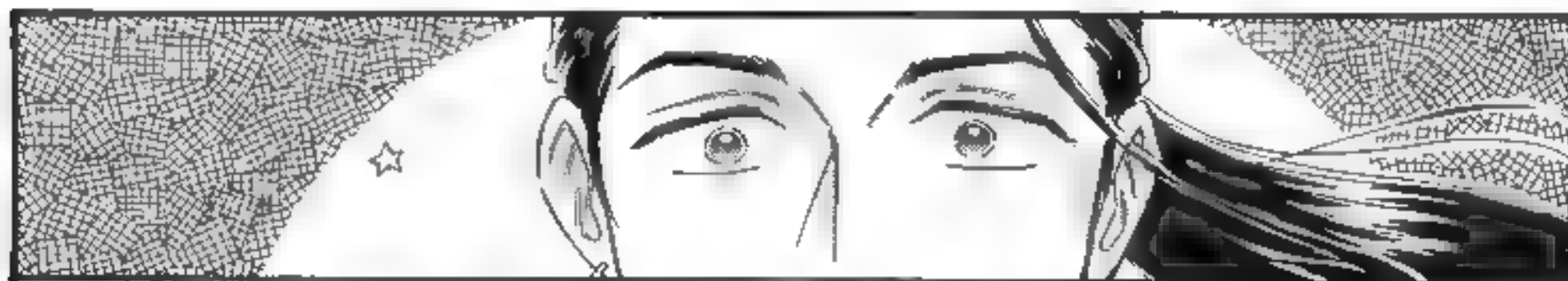
IF
ANYTHING,
BEING
BY HER
SIDE...

...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOIN'
HERE?

MR.
KU—

BY THE
WAY,
GWEN...

...MUST
BE
PAINFUL
FOR
YOU.



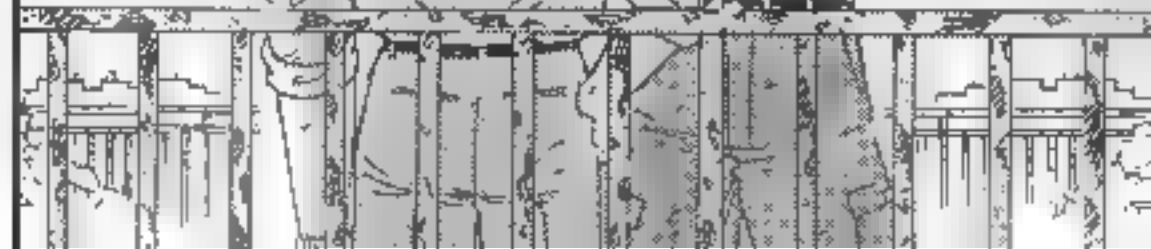
SOMEONE
SPECIAL
TO ME IS
HERE...

...I'VE BEEN
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU
ALL THIS
TIME.

UHM...I
ORIGINALLY
CAME
HERE FOR
A LOT OF
REASONS,
BUT...

A SPE-
CIAL
SOME-
ONE?

AND I
HAVE ONE
MORE
REASON
NOW...



HUUUH!?
WHAT THE
HECK!?

FOUND AND
LOST...I GOT
DUMPED...

HUUUH!?
WHAT THE
HECK!?

FOUND AND
LOST...I GOT
DUMPED...

**WHAT!?
YA FOUND A
SWEETHEART,
DID
YAAAAAAA!!??**



SMACK

ALL RIGHT!
TELL ME ALL
ABOUT IT!
STARTING
WITH THEIR
NAME!!



I TOLD YA,
DIDN'T I?
THAT IF
YOU EVER
FELL FOR
SOMEBODY,
I'D HELP
YOU OUT!

ALL RIGHT!
TELL ME ALL
ABOUT IT!
STARTING
WITH THEIR
NAME!!



I TOLD YA,
DIDN'T I?
THAT IF
YOU EVER
FELL FOR
SOMEBODY,
I'D HELP
YOU OUT!

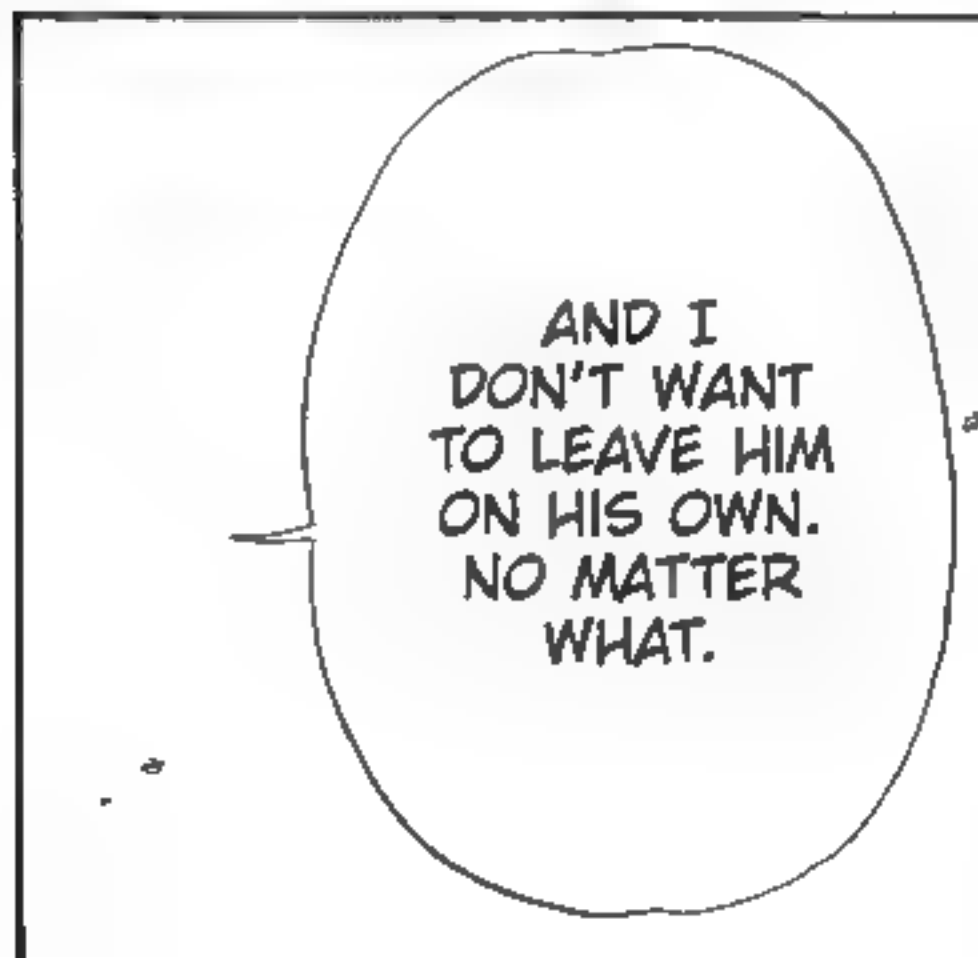
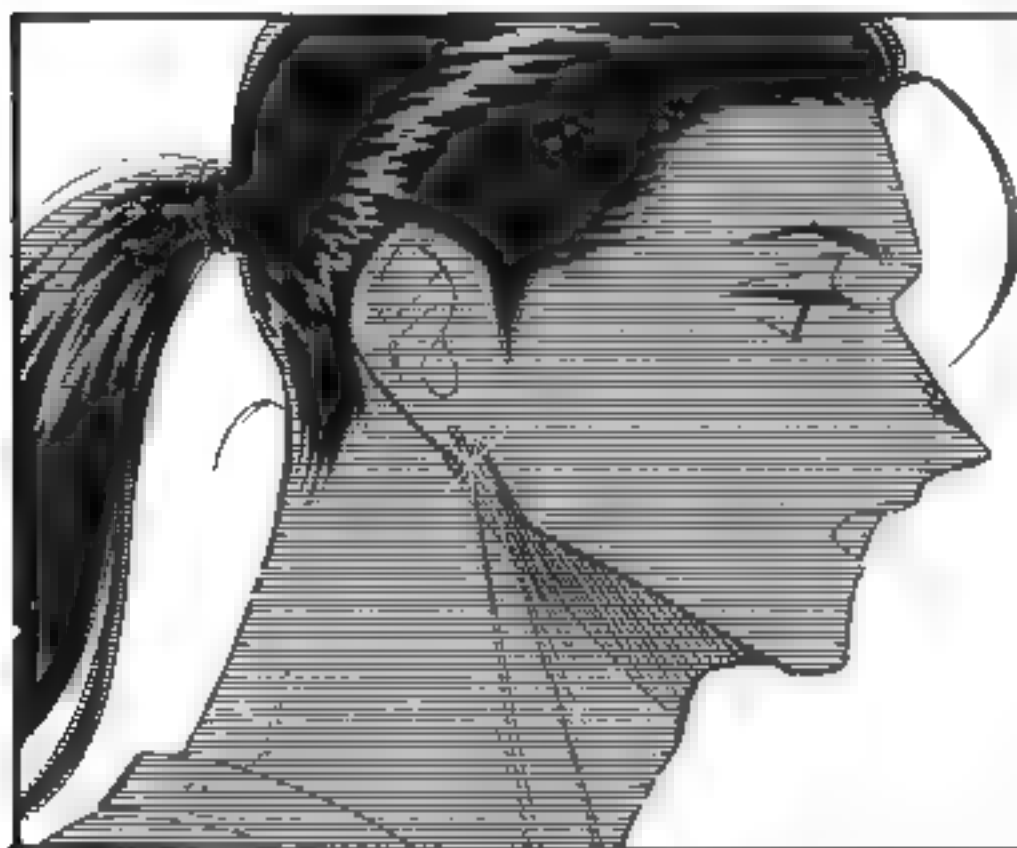
IT'S
M-MIYUKI...

Hebinuma General
Medical Center

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE,
WE'RE WITH YOU
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

Hebinuma General
Medical Center

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE,
WE'RE WITH YOU
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.





I GUESS
I'M DRAWN
TO THAT
VERY
PERSON.

YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



NOT THAT YOU
WERE EVER A
COLD PERSON,
BUT YOU GIVE
THE IMPRESSION
OF SOMEBODY
COOL AND
COLLECTED, SO
THAT'S A BIT
UNEXPECTED.

OH
YEAAAHH?
SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE
MADLY IN
LOVE!



GWEN



...YOU
REALLY
KNOW
THIS
GUY?

ARE
YOU
SURE...



SINCE
COMING
HERE, I'VE
LEARNED
WHAT KIND
OF PERSON
THE REAL
HIM IS...

...AND
I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE.



MR.
KUDOU!



WA-HA-HA!
YOU'RE A
REAL
GOOD GUY,
AREN'T
YOUUU!

LIKE I SAID
EARLIER,
YOU'RE ALSO
PART OF THE
REASON I'M
HERE!



I
SEE.

YOU'RE
HERE SO
THAT YOU
WON'T
WIND UP
LIKE ME,
THEN.



**A PLACE TO
LIVE AND ALL
OF THAT—
I'LL TAKE
CARE OF IT!**



**FOR
STARTERS,
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!**

**DON'T
LAUGH IT
OFF!**



**BUT
I CAN'T
LEAVE THIS
PLACE.**



THANKS.

**YOU
REALLY ARE
A GOOD
GUY. I
MEAN IT.**

HUH..?

FROM THE
OUTSIDE...

OH HEY, THIS
GUY YOU LIKE,
IS HE FROM
KOWLOON? OR IS
HE AN OUTSIDER
LIKE US?



HMM...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



WHEN I
LEAVE, I'M
TAKING
YOU WITH
ME!



TAKE HIM
AND GET
THE HELL
OUTTA
HERE!

THEN DO
YOURSELF
A FAVOR.



BUT
ALSO!

...OH,
I'D LIKE
TO,
BELIEVE
ME...



WHY NOT!?
MY SWEETIE
AND I CAN
COME AND
GO. IT'LL BE
FINE!

I TOOOLD
YA, I CAN'T
LEAVE.



SO IS IT
BECAUSE
SHE'S
HERE
AFTER
ALL?

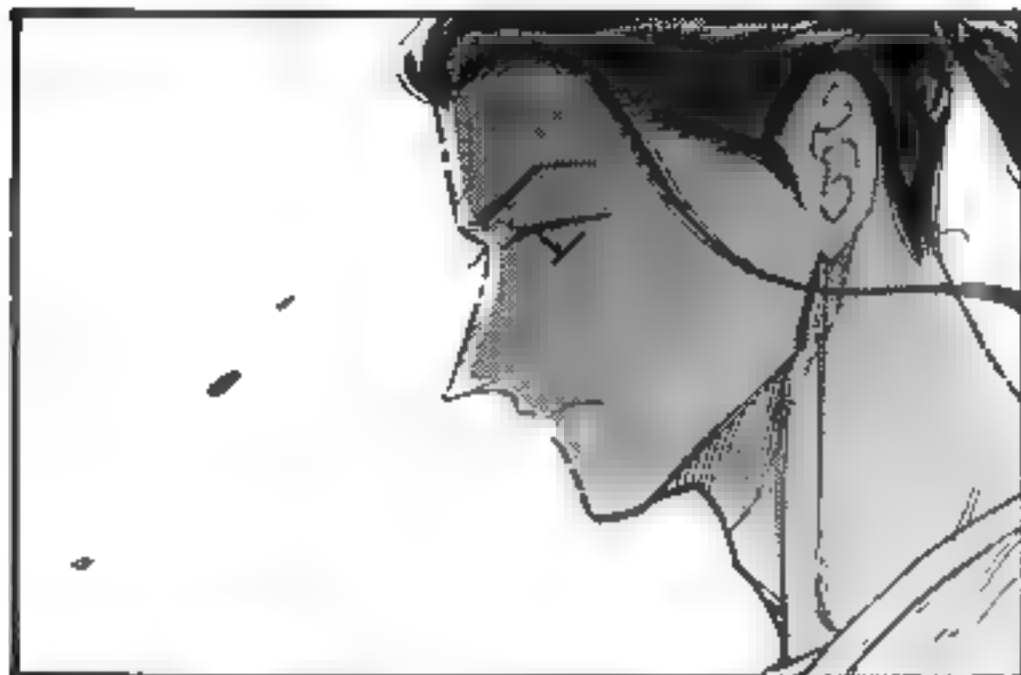


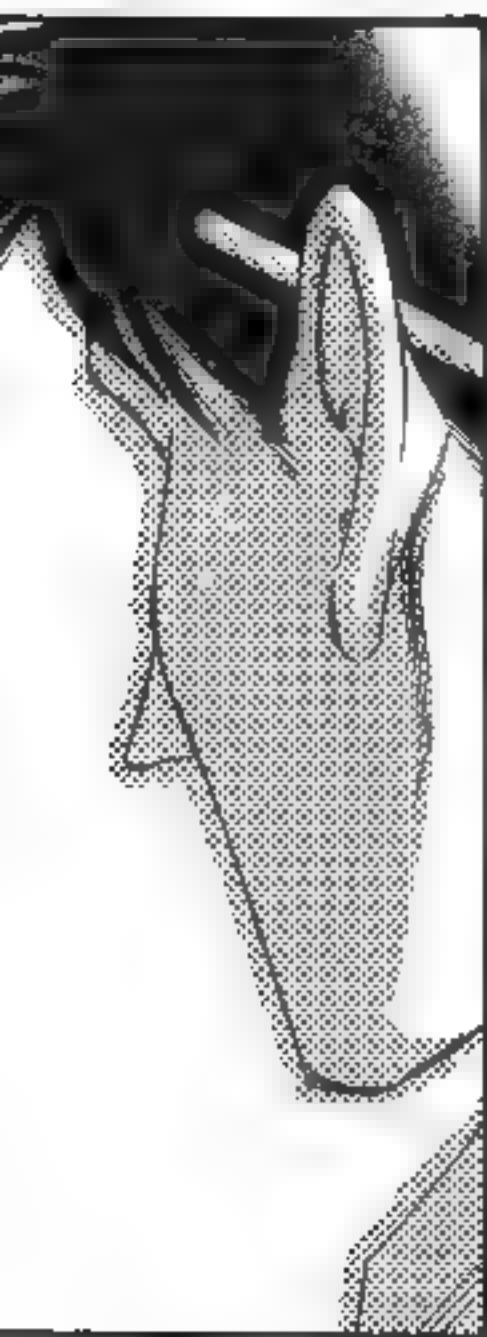
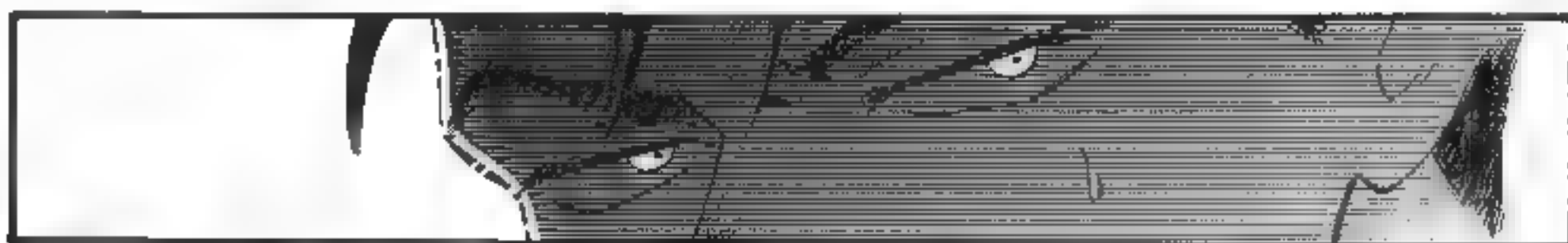
YOUR
SWEETIE...



...BUT
LIKE I SAID
BEFORE,
SHE'S A
DIFFERENT
PERSON.
SHE ISN'T
MS. REIKO.

IT'S
TRUE THAT
SHE LOOKS
EXACTLY
LIKE MS.
REIKO...







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HOWLON
Generic Romance





CHAPTER 53



THE ADDRESS IS
SWATOW TOWER
E-67, UNIT 5, ON
SAI WAA ROAD BY
THE RED-LIGHT
DISTRICT.



AFTER YA LEFT
KOWLOON, I STARTED A
REMOTE MAINTENANCE
COMPANY CALLED "SAFE
AND SOUND CORP." I
TOLD YA ABOUT THAT.



PHONE
SERVICE IS
ALREADY
CANCELED,
THOUGH, SO
IT SHOULDN'T
CONNECT.



THE PHONE'S
ONE LANDLINE.
I'LL SEND YA
THE NUMBER
LATER.

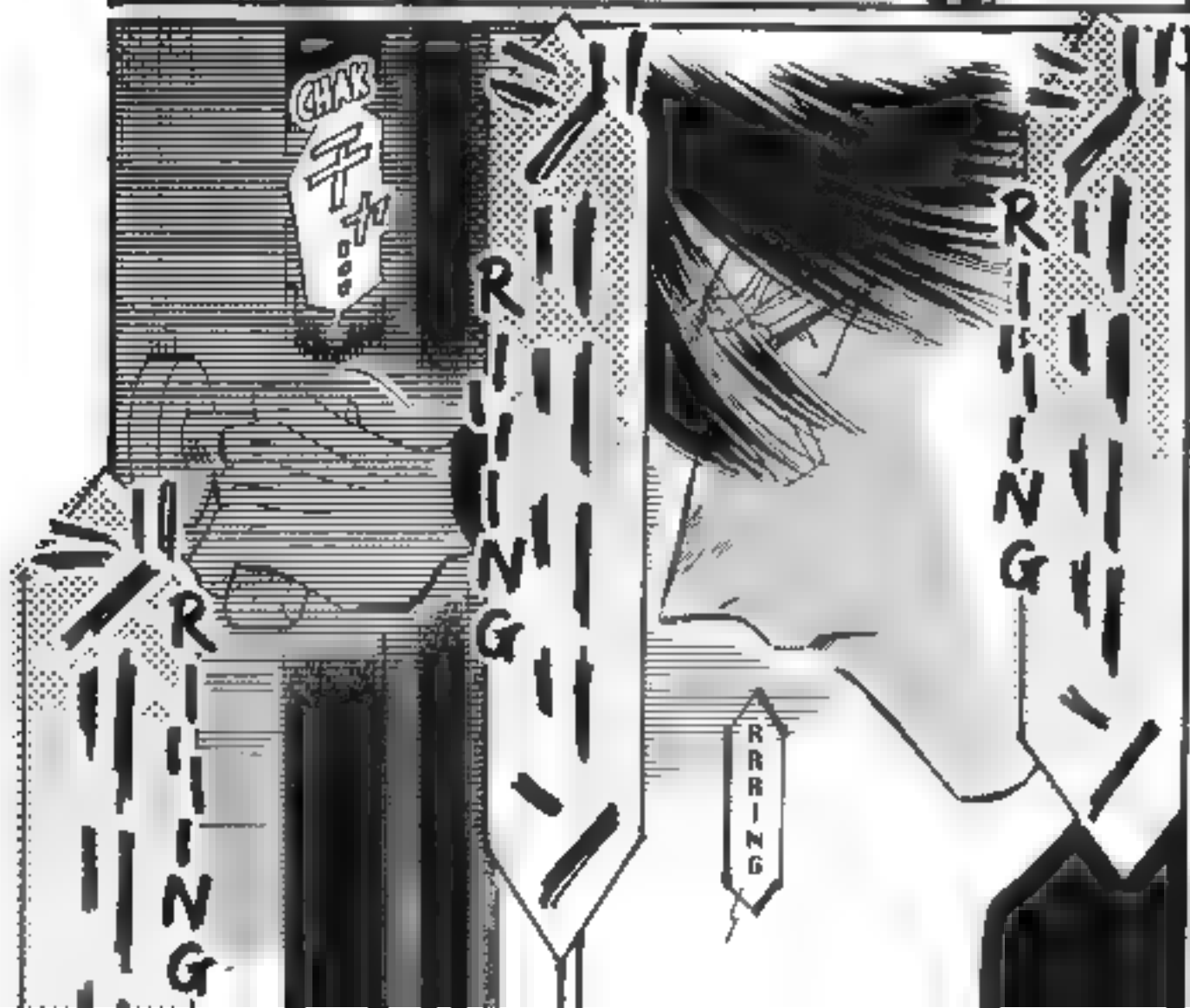
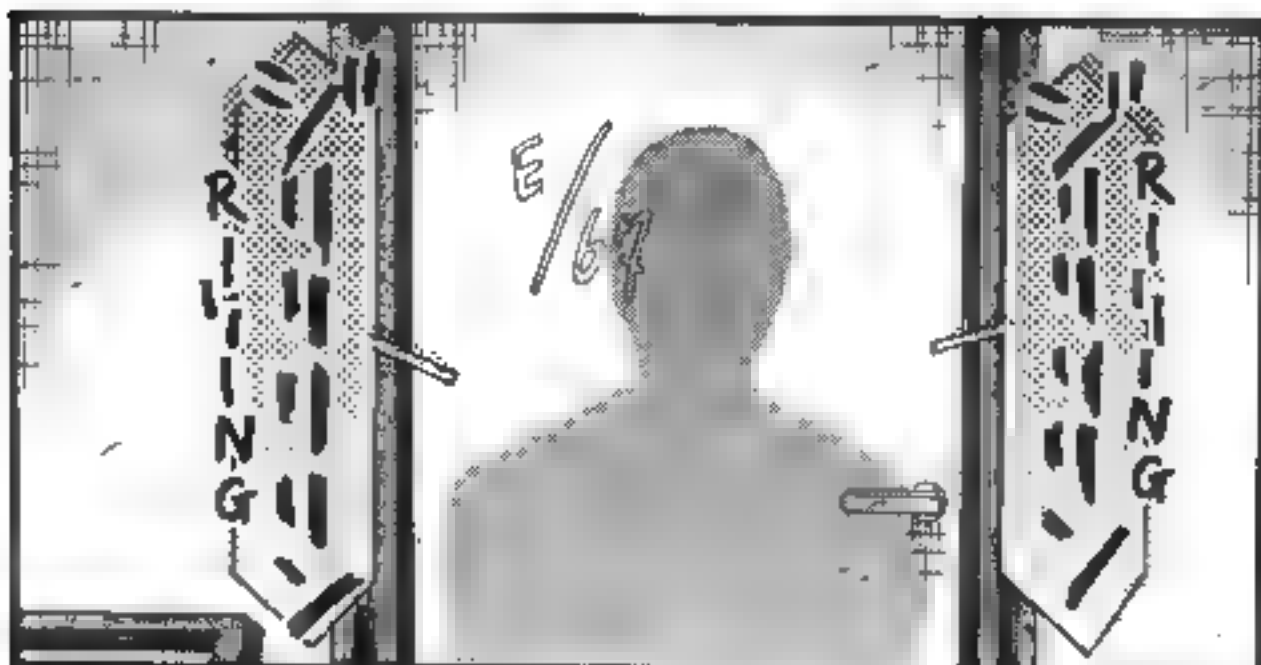
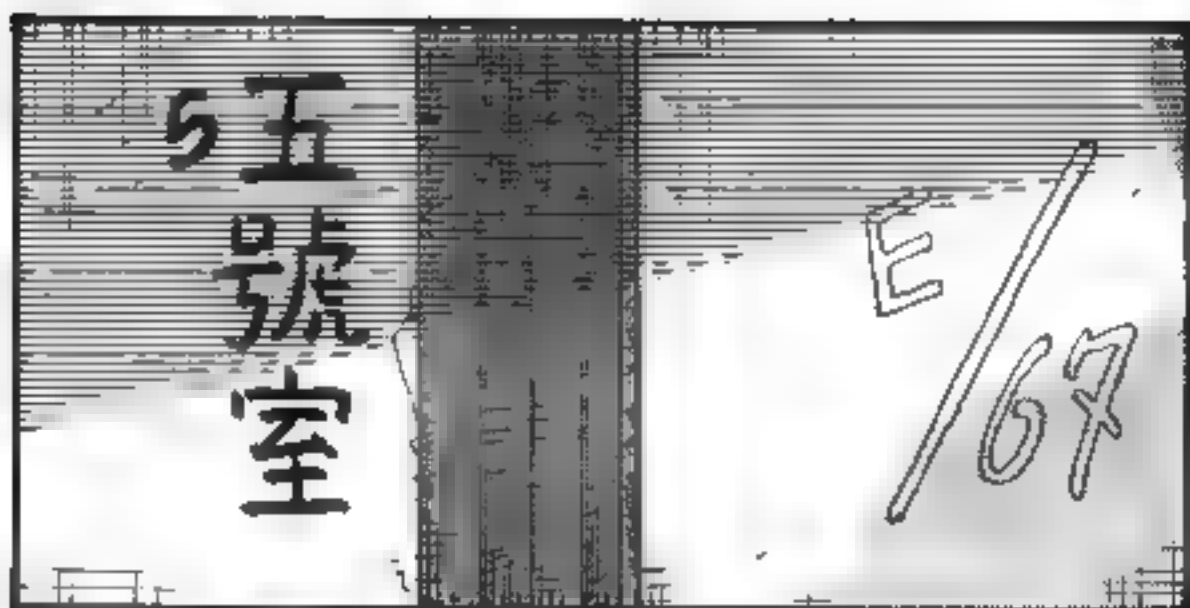
THIS
ADDRESS AIN'T
PUBLIC. ONLY
OTHER PERSON
WHO KNOWS IT
IS THE DOC, AN'
I'M THE ONLY
EMPLOYEE.



IF I
CALL THAT
NUMBER IN
KOWLOON, A
SECOND YOU
MIGHT
ANSWER.

HAW!
INTER-
ESTING!









SIGN: EXQUISITE FLAVOR HALL

SIGNS: WA GAM MAAN DENTAL, SEA DRAGON RESTAURANT, STAR NOODLES



*YOU SHOULDN'T POINT AT PEOPLE WITH CHOPSTICKS





STAY BY
MY SIDE
FOREVER.



SOME-
THING
HAP-
PENED,
DIDN'T
IT?

...
THAT'S
SUSPI-
CIOUS.



IT'S
JUST
LIP-
STICK...

WELL,
YEAH, I
WEAR IT
SOME-
TIMES!



SOME-
THING
...?



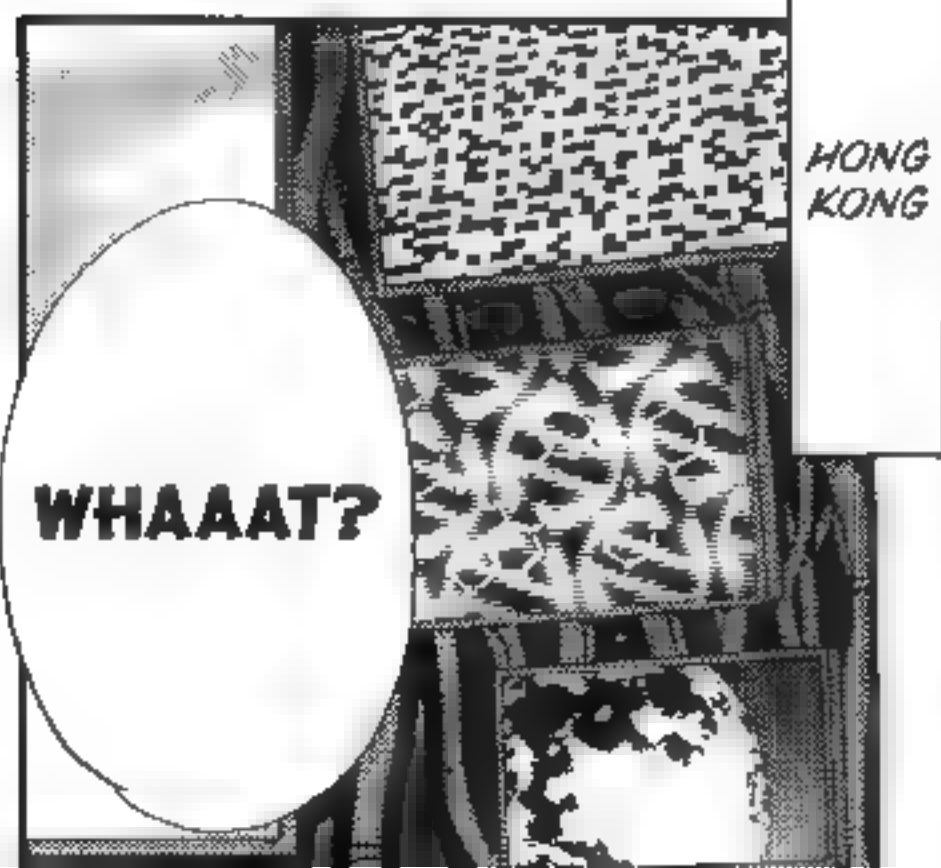
WE'RE
SERIOUSLY
BUSY
TODAY, I
SWEAR!
WE'LL
TALK NEXT
TIME.

AH!
ARE YOU
RUNNING
AWAY?

OOPS!
MY
BREAK'S
ALREADY
UP!

BYE!

HEY!



WHAAAT?

HONG
KONG



N-N-N-N-
NOTHING IN
PARTICULAR.

ARRRGH,
DON'T BOTHER
DENYING IT!
YOU'RE AN
OPEN BOOK,
REKO-PON.

A SECOND
"YOU"
ANSWERED
THE PHONE.

What
the
heck!?
That's
wiild!!

I HEARD
THE PHONE
RINGING, BUT
THE ROOM
WAS EMPTY
INSIDE.

THE
HECK
DO YA
MEAN
BY
THAT?

ONLY
MY VOICE
WAS
THEEERE?

WONG CLINIC

Internal Medicine

• Surgery • Poison

Gynecology

ght Dist

Fer
real!?

I'M ON MY
WAY TO THE
DOCTOR
NOW. IT
LOOKS LIKE
HIS CLINIC
EXISTS
HERE.

That was
necessary
for the
investiga-
tion. Not to
mention,
he can be
trusted.

SLURP

YET YA
TOLD HIM
'BOUT THE
ZIRCONIAN
PLAN.

You shoulda
gone ta see
him on yer last
investigation!
Why didn'tcha
again? Oh, right,
'cos you were
hidin' that you're
originally from
Kowloon from
yer ex?

I DON'T
KNOW
IF THE
DOCTOR
WILL BE
THERE,
THOUGH.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS HAD
A HABIT
OF HIDIN'
IMPORTANT
STUUFF.

HMMM.

THERE
WAS NO
NEED
TO TELL
HIM.

**I'M
HANGING
UP.**

HELLO
?

AH,
 SORRY...I
 SUDDENLY
 GOT
 DIZZY...

$\begin{array}{c} W \\ \downarrow \\ BOP \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{c} W \\ \downarrow \\ BOP \end{array}$

Ан.

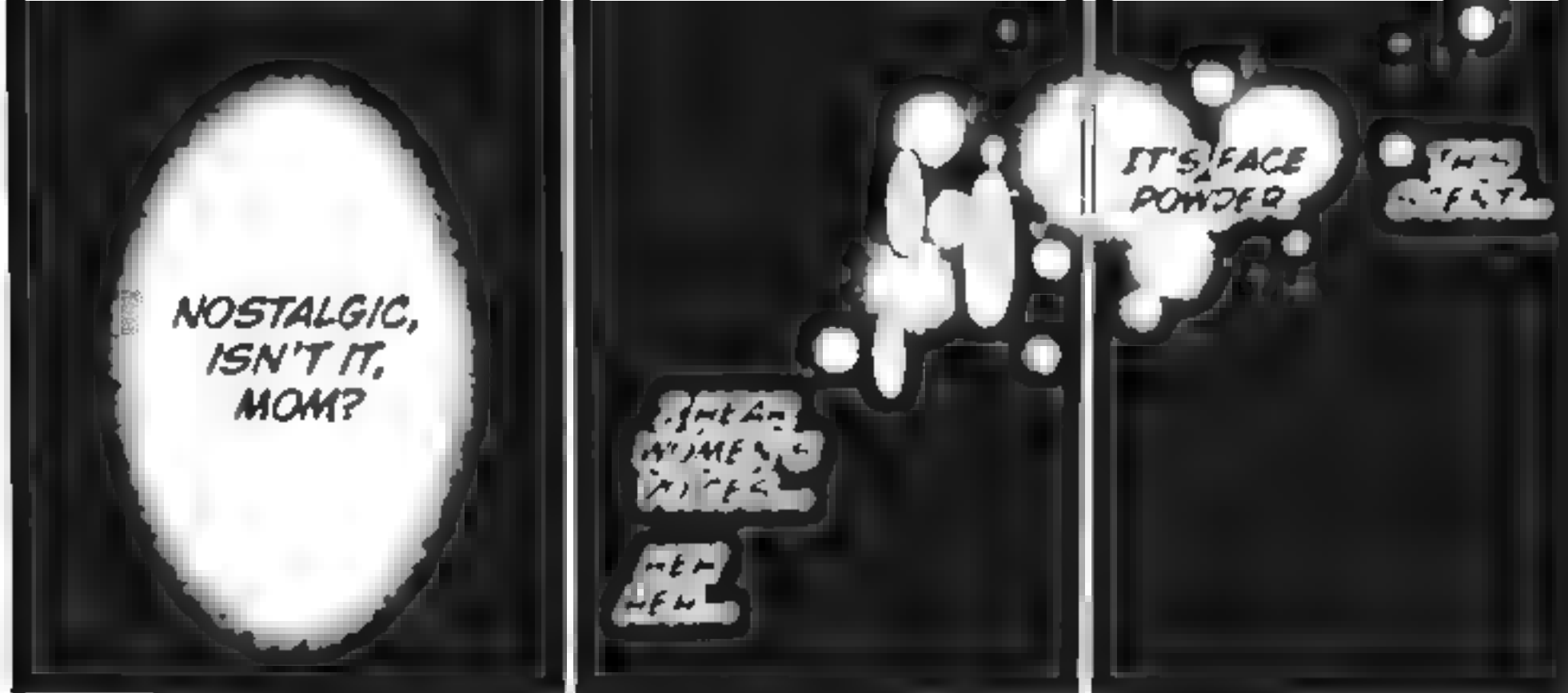
HEAT-STROKE...?
NO, IT
DOESN'T
FEEL LIKE
THAT.

GLUG

НАДН...

HAHH...







HOW DO YOU
FEEL? YOU
COLLAPSED IN
THE ALLEY.

HERE,
YOUR
GLASSES.

YOU'RE
IN THE
DRESSING
ROOM
AT CLUB
FLOWER
GARDEN.

...WHERE
AM I?

あは
うわ
...



...FORGIVE
ME. AND
THANKS.

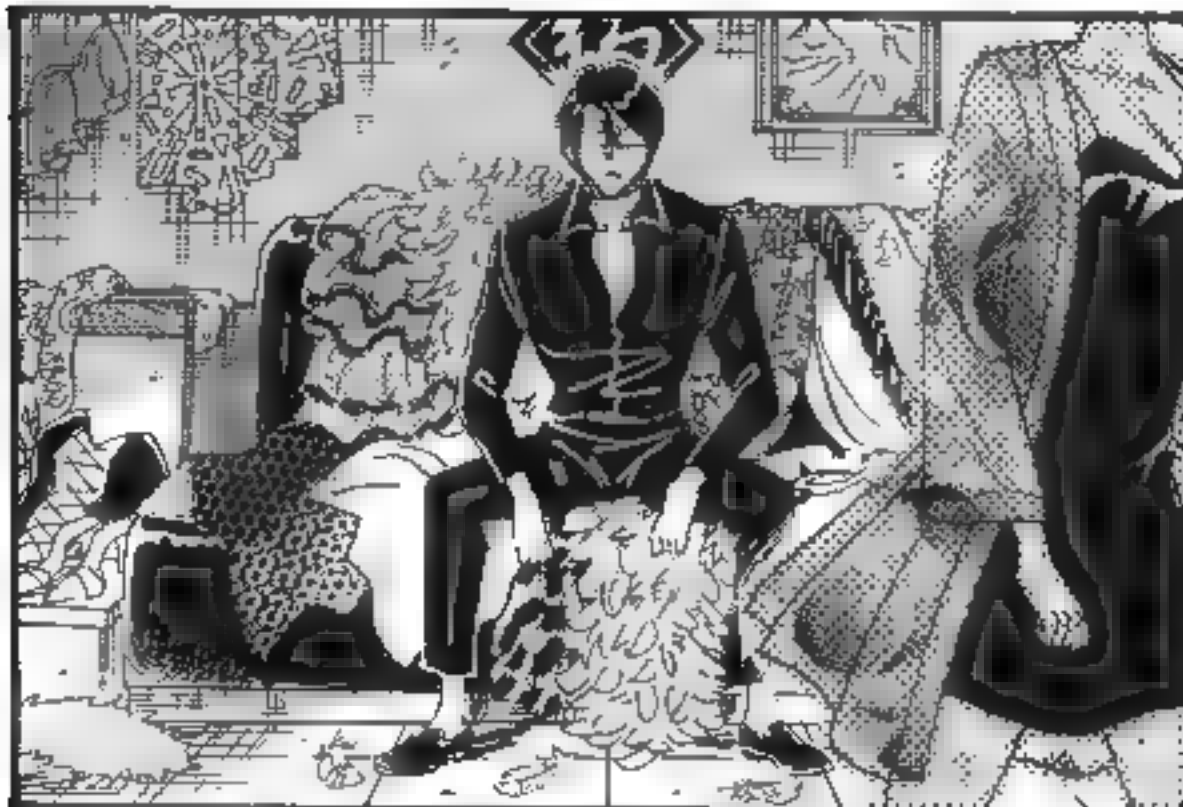
IT WAS
TOUGH
CARRYING
YOU,
Y'KNOWWW!



OH
REALLY?
THANK
GOOD-
NEESS.

MS.
ROSE!
HE'S
AWAKE
!!!

SIGN (BELOW) HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY



THERE'S
STILL
SOME TIME
UNTIL WE
OPEN. YOU
CAN TAKE
YOUR TIME
RESTING.

HEY, IS
IT HOT OR
WHAT?
THE AIR-
CONDITIONING
IS ACTING
LULLUP.





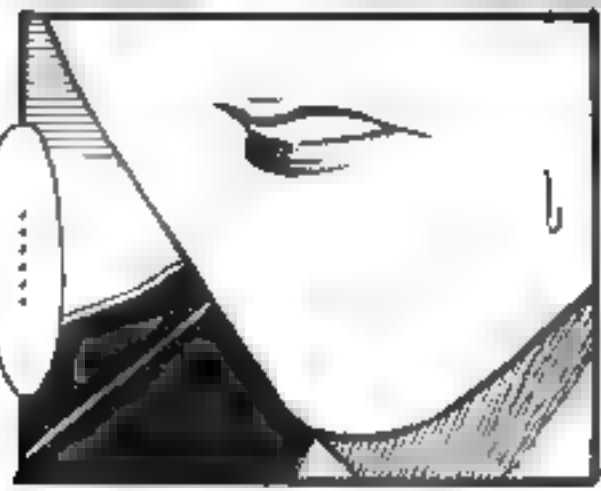
WE'RE
PRETTY
POPULAR
AROUND
HERE
TOO!

THAT'S
RIIIGHT!



A
CLUB...

BURLESQUE
OR
SOMETHING?



SIHAN?

DO YOU KNOW
A DANCER
NAMED SIHAN?
SHE'S HALF
JAPANESE...



S
I
G
H...

NO...
IF YOU
DON'T
KNOW
HER,
NEVER
MIND...



SHE A
FAVORITE
OF YOURS,
MISTER?
HEE
HEE
HEE!



NEEEVER
HEARD OF
HER.



DO YOU
WANT TO GO
TO DOCTOR
WONG?



ARE YOU
FEELING
UNWELL?

WHOA,
WHOA,
WHOA,
ARE YOU
OKAY?



THAT'S
THE ONE.
IT'S RIGHT
NEARBY.

I CAN
TAKE
YOU

DOCTOR
WONG...
FROM
WONG
CLINIC!?



THE
DOCTOR
EXISTS
HERE...



IS HE
AN OLD
DOCTOR
WITH
GLASSES
AND
WHITE
HAIR...?



IT'S TIME
I WENT ON
MY WAY.
THANKS FOR
YOUR HELP.

す
わ
う
?

NO, I
SHOULD
WITHDRAW
FOR
TODAY...IT
SEEMS I'M
UNWELL.

HUH!?

OH, YOU
KNOW HIM?
HE'S A
VERY GOOD
DOCTOR. I
JUST LOVE
HIM.



DO AS
I SAY
AND LIE
DOWN!!

THAT'S
MY
NATURAL
COMPLEX-
ION...

YOU
ARE
NOT ALL
RIGHT!
YOU'RE
PALE!

NO, I'M
ALL RIGHT
NOW...
THANKS...

OH NOOO,
YOU DON'T!!
YOU NEED
MORE REST!
HERE,
SIDDOWN!!

AH.

YOU KNOW,
THE COLLAPSE
OVER BY SAI
HING TOWER!
IT MESSED UP
THE ELECTRICAL
SYSTEM!

COL-
LAPSE?

I KNEEWE THIS
WOULD HAPPEN!
THIS IS BECAUSE
OF THAT BUILDING
COLLAPSE
YESTERDAY.

IS
ANYONE
HERE?

EXCUSE
MEEEE!

EMER-
GENCY
LIGHTS

THE
EMERGENCY
LIGHTS
AREN'T
COMING ON
EITHER!







WHAAAT?
DID THE
LIGHTS
ONLY GO
OUT IN THE
DRESSING
ROOM?



I'M KUIJIRAI
FROM WONG
LOI REALTY
COMPANY.



OH, I'M
SORRY NO
ONE WAS OUT
THERE, SO I
LET MYSELF
IN



TRANSLATION NOTES

Kowloon Walled City in Hong Kong was once the most densely populated place on Earth, with about 33,000 people living on 6.5 acres in interconnected high-rise towers. Because the area was originally a Chinese walled fort, it was legally a Chinese presence in British-run Hong Kong and later the subject of jurisdiction disputes, turning it into an unregulated oddity. In our world, it was eventually demolished in 1994 and turned into a public park.

Cantonese Chinese, the most common language in Hong Kong, can be romanized in several different ways—even the real Hong Kong ends up having a mix of different romanization styles. For this translation, many names and other proper nouns follow spellings that are established or commonplace, while others follow the Jyutping style of Cantonese romanization.

CONVERSION

The currency in Kowloon Walled City was the Hong Kong dollar (roughly HKD\$8 to 1 USD). The Hong Kong foot is slightly longer than the imperial foot, at 1'2.625".

Page 21

Shiver shiver (*zawa... zawa...*) is written in a way that resembles the works of Nobuyuki Fukumoto, a manga artist who specializes in gambling series such as *Akagi* and *Kaiji*.

Page 28

Hong Kong-style cafés (*cha chaan teng*) are known for fast service, low prices, and a wide range of food offerings, including Hong Kong-style Western cuisine.

Page 52

An **egg tart** (*daan taat*) is a hand-sized snack consisting of a sweet egg custard and a flaky crust.

Page 78

Malay sponge cake (*mai ai gou*) is a sweet steamed sponge cake that was popularized in Malaysia.

The **7** stands for the convenience store chain 7-Eleven.

Page 79

The social media handle **Panya** is a pun. *Panya* is the Japanese word for "bakery," which sounds a lot like "panda."

Lyun Hing Tower means "Mutual Prosperity Tower."

Page 88

In the original Japanese, Miyuki temporarily switches from the first-person pronoun *ore* (a masculine pronoun) to *watashi* (a feminine pronoun) here.

Page 102

In Japanese, the words for "heart" the organ and "heart," a person's emotional center, are different words. The doctor uses "heart" in the emotional sense here, earning a rebuke from Miyuki.

Page 112

Feng shui is an ancient Chinese practice involving studying the flow of *chi*, or "energy" and taking advantage of positive effects, e.g. constructing architecture in certain ways. For example, in Hong Kong, there are buildings with large empty spaces (as if cut out and removed) in order to encourage good *feng shui*.

Page 125

Sotyassai is one of many "heave-ho" shouts used when portable Shinto shrines are carried through the streets during Japanese festivals. It's used here to evoke the Japanese-ness of the sushi restaurant.

Nigiri sushi is a hand-pressed oval mound of rice topped with raw fish.

Battleship (or *gunkan maki*) sushi is boat-shaped, wrapped with seaweed on the sides. The seaweed extends higher than the rice to hold ingredients that wouldn't stay in place otherwise, like salmon roe or chopped tuna. Unfortunately for Kujirai, the toppings on all three types of sushi are from Chinese cuisine, not traditional Japanese toppings.

Page 127

In Japanese mahjong, **tsumo** is a call to declare a win on a self-drawn tile.

Page 131

Tteokbokki are simmered, cylindrical, white rice cakes that are chewy and most commonly seasoned with red chili paste.

Page 142

Sai Hing Tower means "West Prosperity Tower."

Page 187

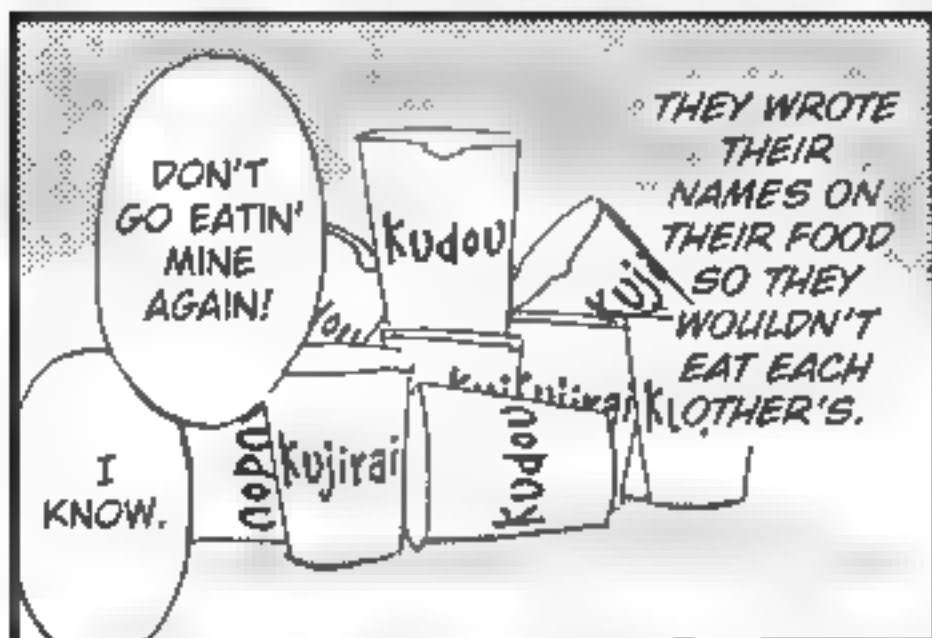
Sai Waa Road means "West Flower Road."

Swatow Tower is named after Shantou, a city in Guangdong, China.

Page 170

According to Japanese chopsticks etiquette, pointing at someone with chopsticks is very rude!

WONG LOI REALTY COMPANY'S SNACK SITUATION



THE OTHER SIDE OF CHAPTER 41



I had fun drawing the pair who were more than background characters but less than supporting characters in this volume.

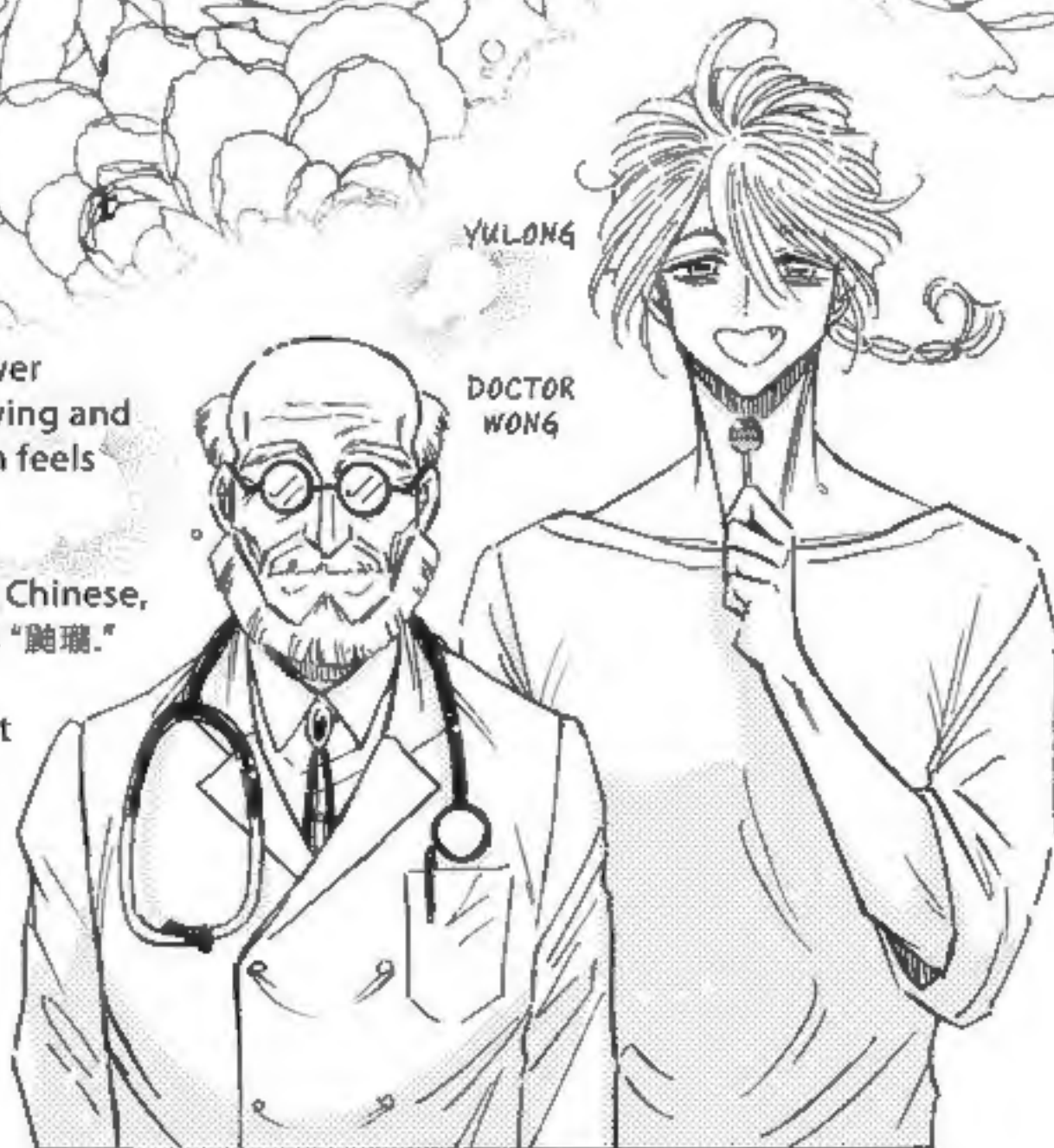


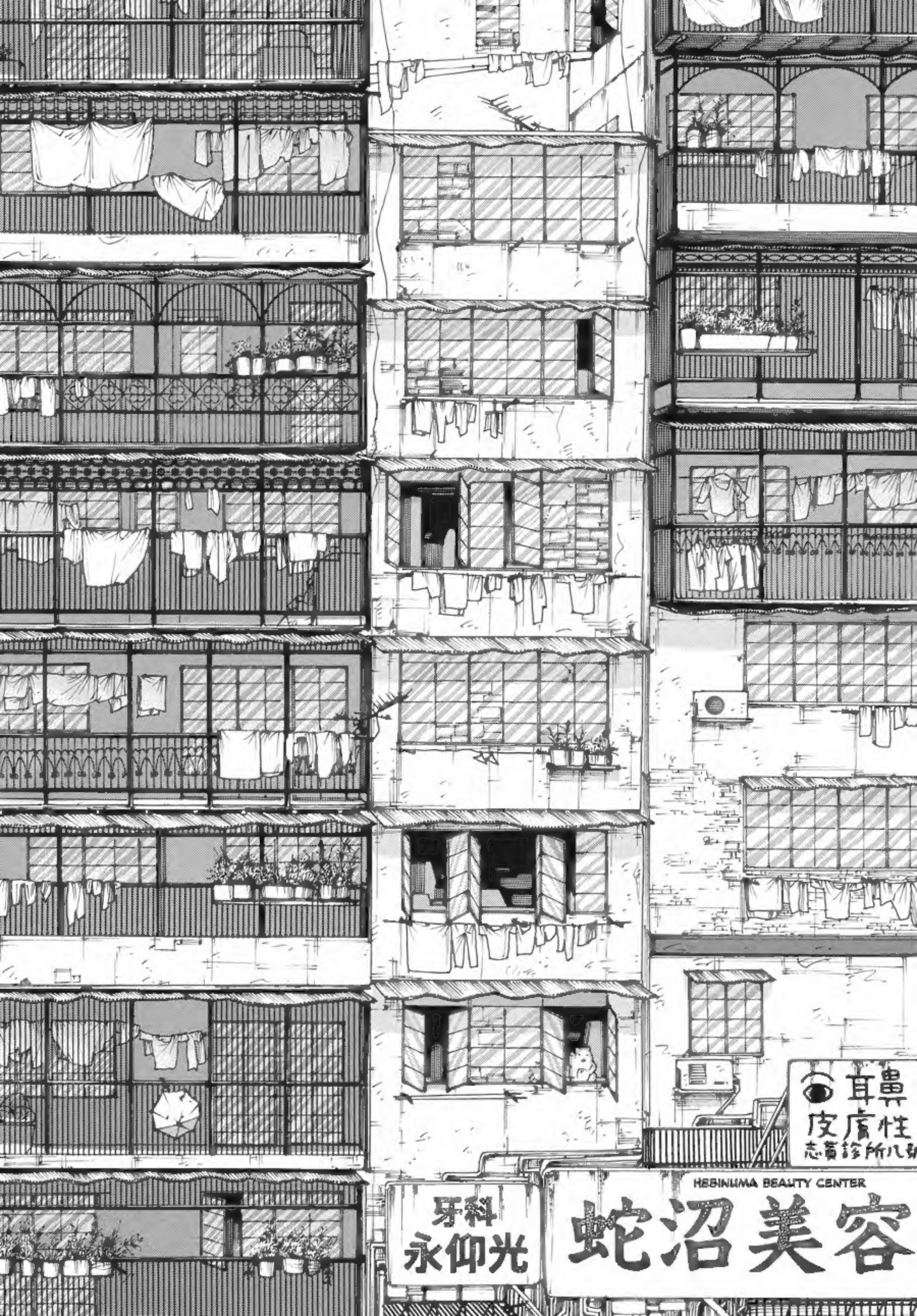
I have a feeling the pair from Club Flower Garden will show up again... Both drawing and looking at energetic, go-getter women feels good. I like it.

Some new characters appeared too. In Chinese, "Yulong" is written with the characters "鼬龍." As I hear it, the first character means "weasel." He speaks with an accent, not in pure Cantonese. In the Japanese, I expressed this with a Kansai dialect. Personally, I really like Doctor Wong.

Well, then, I'll be happy if we meet again in the next volume. ☺
Many thanks!

Jun Mayuzuki



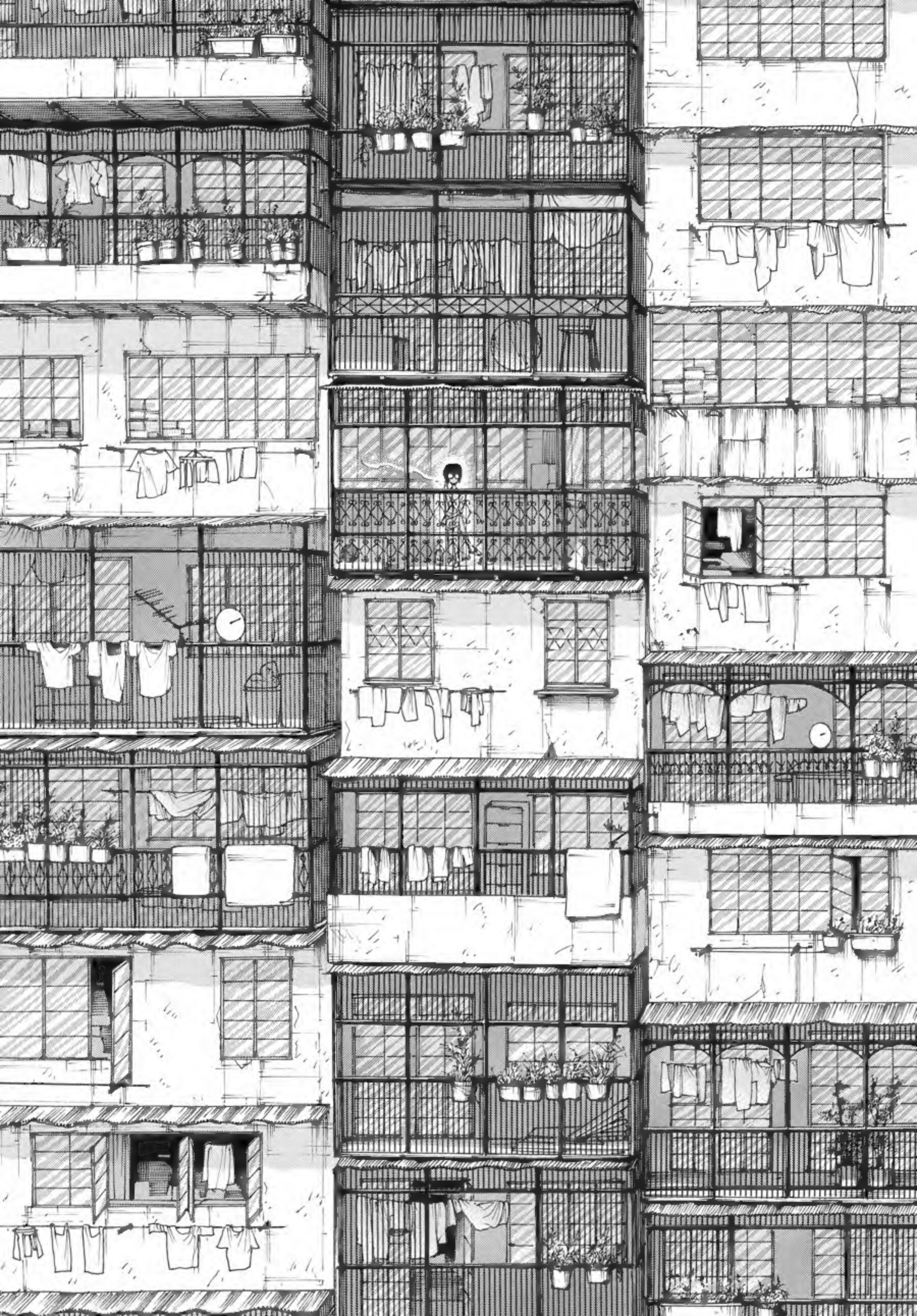


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皮膚性
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6
JUN
MAYUZUKI

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